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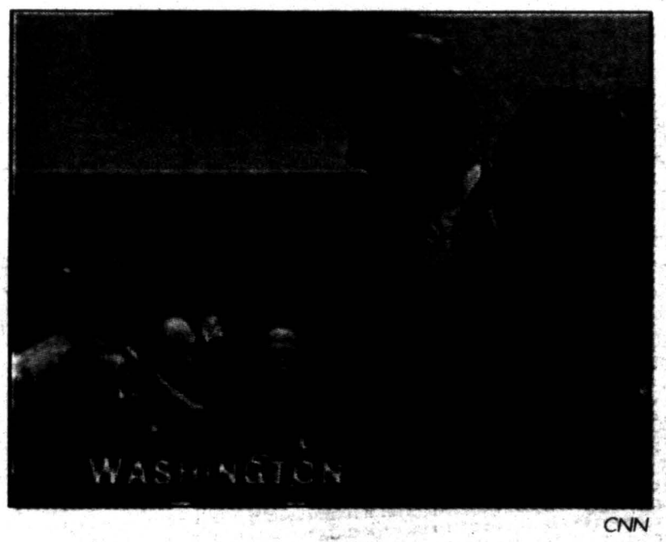
Eastwood the 'big gun' at packed hearing

By PAUL MILLER



CNN

Eastwood's appearance at the House Judiciary Committee in Washington Thursday brought a standing-room-only crowd — and drew international media attention to the issue of huge legal fees generated for attorneys by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

FORMER CARMEL mayor Clint Eastwood was cast as the victim Thursday at a high-powered Washington hearing on a proposed amendment to the Americans With Disabilities Act.

A suit filed three years ago by Oakland attorney Paul Rein claimed that a wheelchair-bound visitor to Eastwood's Mission Ranch Inn on Dolores Street was told the inn had no wheelchair-accessible restroom. Rein alleged several other minor violations of the ADA and has demanded $576,000 in legal fees from Eastwood. The disabilities act doesn't provide for damages to be collected by a handicapped person who is denied access to a public facility.

"It's really not fair," Eastwood told the House Judiciary Committee May 18. The allegations against him were not true, he said. And "the lawyers drive off in a big Mercedes while the handicapped go off in a wheelchair, Eastwood said."

He asked the committee to amend the ADA to allow damage awards to disabled people instead of fees to their lawyers.

After the hearing, Eastwood told The Pine Cone that the Mission Ranch, an old dairy farm that he bought in 1986 and turned into an upscale inn, has had handicapped-accessible restrooms since 1988 — two years before the ADA was passed.

"We have a continuing restoration plan out there, but always according to the county's standards for historic preservation," Eastwood said. The buildings at Mission Ranch date back to the 1850s, according to Alan Williams, Eastwood's business associate.

"We've pulled at least 50 building permits at the ranch since the accessible bathrooms went in, and all of them required handicapped compliance of one kind or another," Williams said.

Eastwood's appearance at the Rayburn

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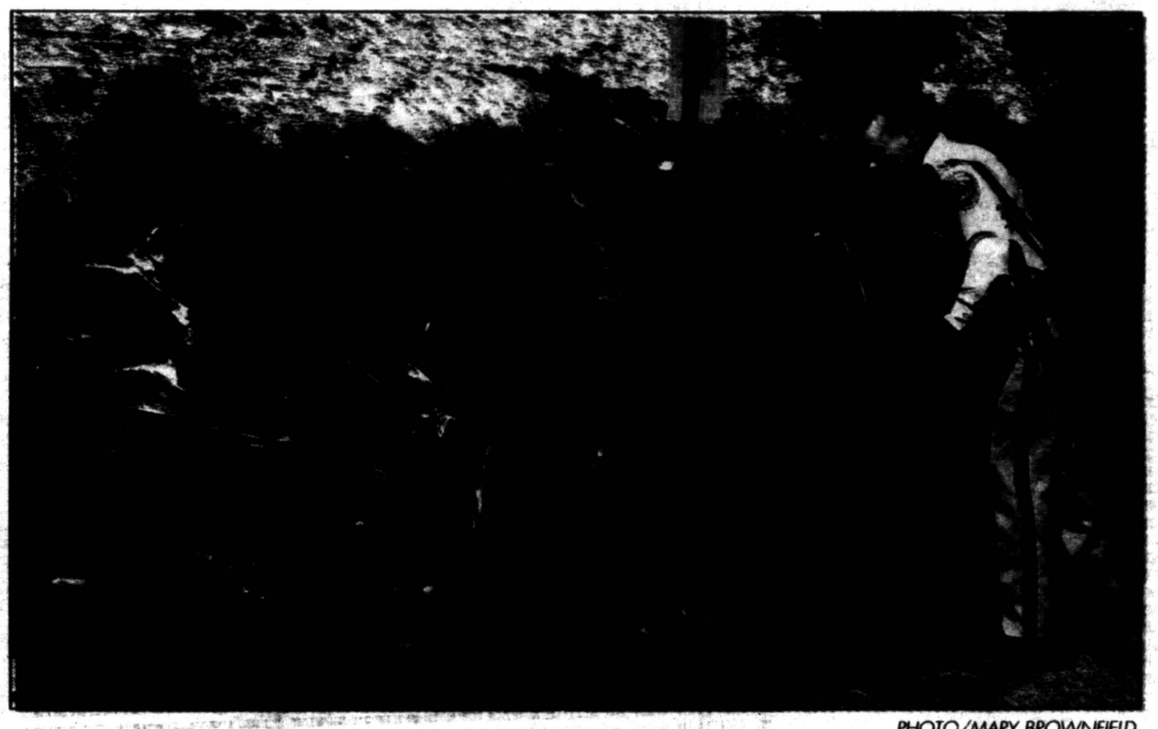
4-car pile-up on C.V. Road



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CHP Officer David Barone begins the investigation of a four-car, multiple injury accident that was reportedly caused by the driver of this blue Toyota shortly after 3 p.m. May 18.

Half-dozen injured in May 18 wreck

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SIX PEOPLE were injured Thursday in another major traffic accident at Via Mallorca and Carmel Valley Road — the third serious collision at that intersection in less than two weeks.

According to CHP Officer David Barone, the driver of a dark blue Toyota turned left onto Carmel Valley Road from Via Mallorca shortly after 3 p.m. directly in front of two cars traveling side-by-side on eastbound Carmel Valley Road. The oncoming car in the right-hand lane hit the Toyota, and the other, while attempting to avoid it, swerved, crossed the median and hit a westbound car head-on, he said.

Thursday's accident came after two separate collisions resulted in four fatalities at the same intersection last week.

Inge and Erich Winkler, aged 75 and 80, were turning left onto Carmel Valley Road

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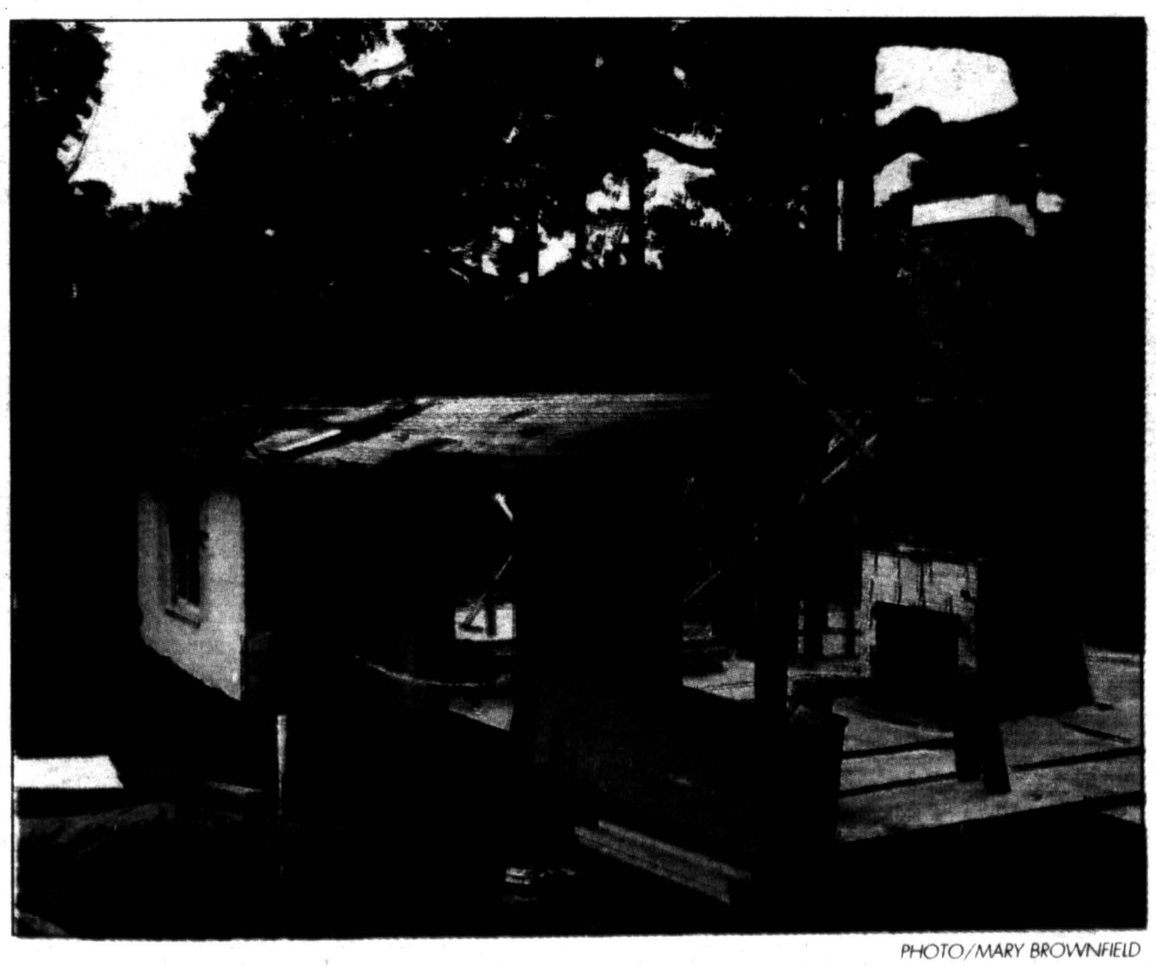

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As Carmel's older homes require major work to be made livable, sometimes a "renovation" turns into a demolition. This Fifth Avenue project was whittled down to the bare bones after most of the walls and the roof were found to be rotten. The story begins on page 2A.

Council adopts tide pool protection but isn't sure what it means

By ROSE EVERS

PACIFIC GROVE voters won't have the chance to vote on the city's tide pool protection initiative come November because the city council voted unanimously to adopt the measure in its entirety at its meeting this week.

Council members said they did not cast their votes because they overwhelmingly support the initiative, which has been promoted as a means to stop the plundering of shoreline marine life by scientists and educational institutions. Instead, saying they weren't sure what effect the initiative would have — if any — they decided the best way to find out was to pass it and then hand it over to the California Department of Fish and Game.

"I've felt from day one this is a fish and game issue. It's got to be resolved at that level," said council member Jim Costello.

Over at the fish and game department's regional office in Monterey, Central Area Marine Manager Rob Collins said he had no idea the city was considering the issue but that there's no question who manages the coastline's marine populations.

"The city has no authority," said Collins.

The city can restrict access to the tide pools via the shoreline but it "can't restrict access to what's taken from the tide pools,"

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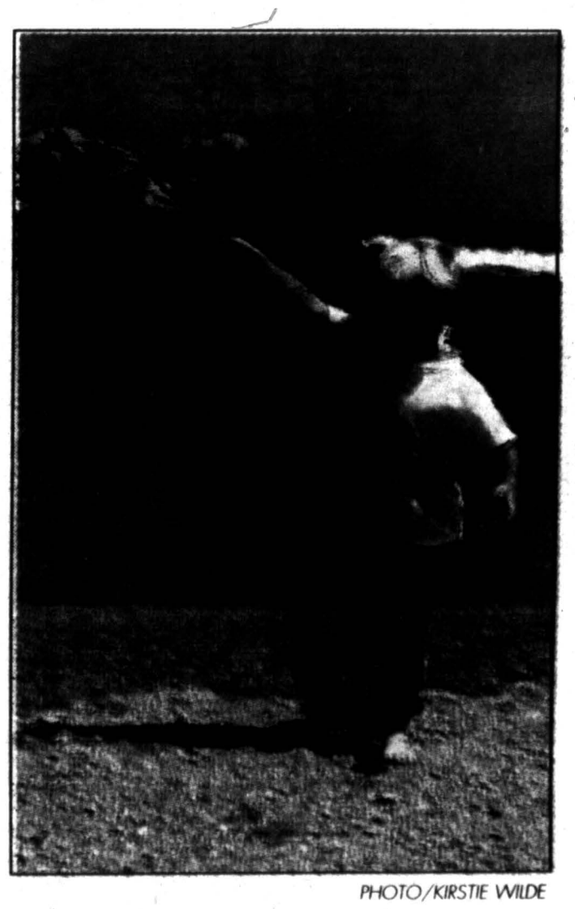

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Michael McManus, 4, runs to show his mother the wonderful, slimy kelp he found in a Pacific Grove tide pool May 18, the day after the P.G. City Council voted in a new law against such frivolities. The McManuses were visiting from Shafter.

Embezzling youth center director admits crime

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FORMER CARMEL Youth Center director Pat Lenz pleaded *nolo contendre* to embezzlement charges during a preliminary conference meeting May 17, and has already turned over a cashier's check for $4,800, according to Deputy District Attorney Ed Hazel.

Lenz had the check cut to repay the Carmel Youth Center for the money he embezzled between January 1997 and September 1999, when he left his job as its director.

The former youth center director had used almost $5,000 of the center's money to pay for repairs, maintenance and fuel for his car by charging his Carmel Chevron bills to the youth center according to Carmel police officials. He left his job as director of the youth center in September.

Lenz will be sentenced in Monterey County Superior Court June 28. Hazel will not decide what he will request for Lenz' sentence until he reviews the probation report, but the maximum possible penalty is a year in county jail.

Pat Lenz, who worked as director of the Carmel Youth Center for almost three years, admitted May 17 to embezzling almost $5,000 from the center.

PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Inspector says renovation often means demolition

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MORE AND more renovation projects end up being demolitions, according to city planners — partially because old Carmel homes often turn out to be unsalvageable, and partially because Carmel now has a more stringent definition of what constitutes a demolition.

While removing 75 percent of a home used to be considered a demolition, a late-1999 change to the ordinance now means a structure is officially considered demolished when more than 50 percent of its walls have been removed.

Well-meaning homeowners intending to

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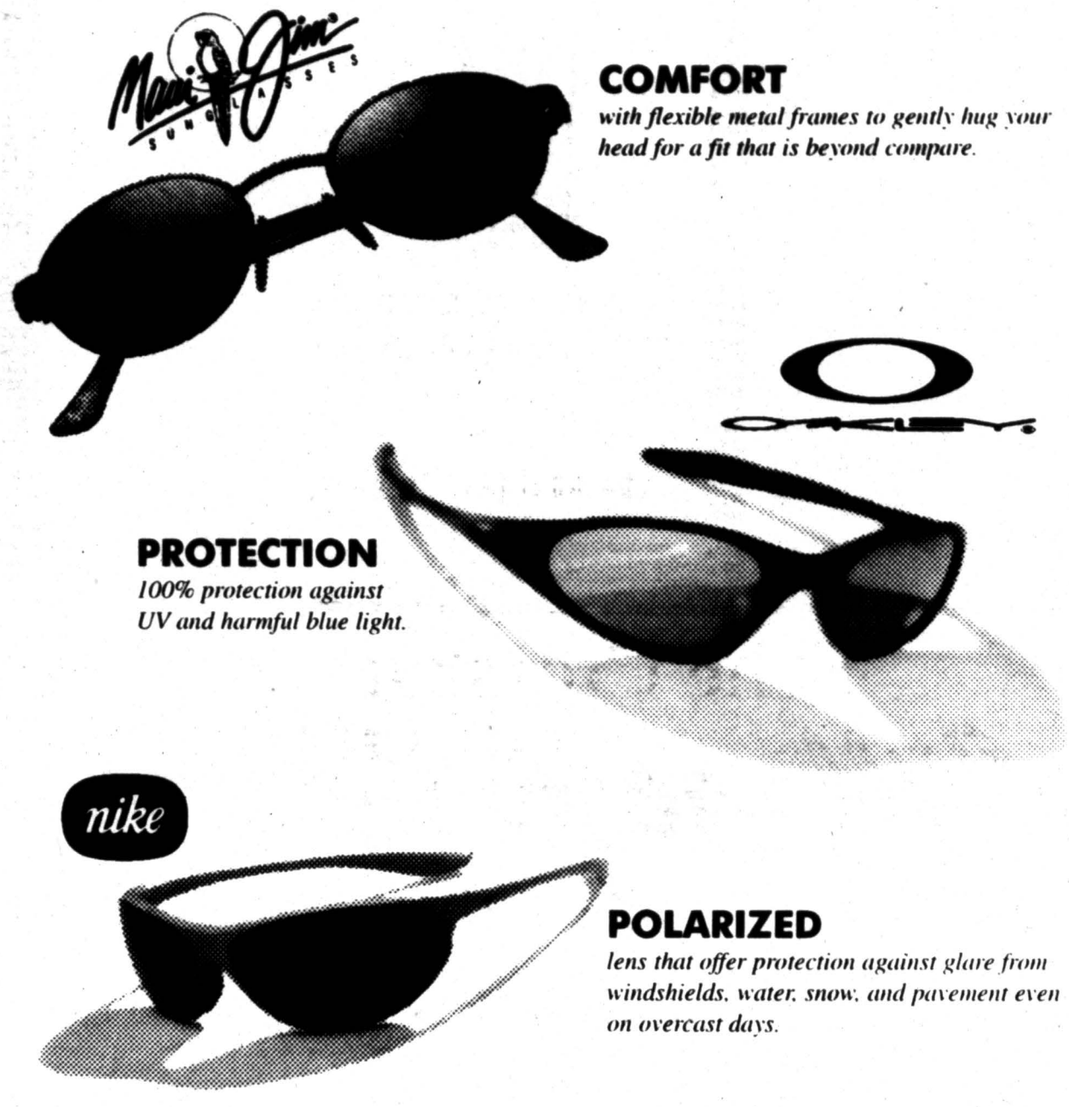

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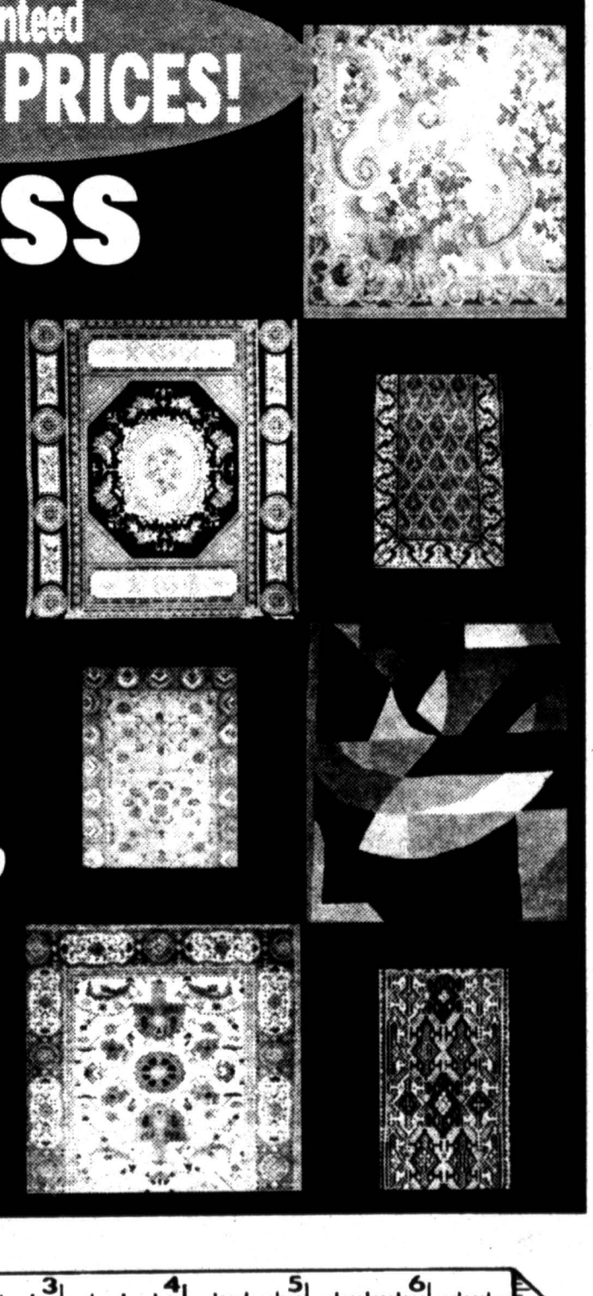

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Moratorium over; preservation conflict continues

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE 45-day ban on demolition of homes more than 50 years old, enacted by the Carmel City Council in April, has expired. As of May 19, property owners are once again free to apply to the city's planning department for demolitions of older homes.

The moratorium, enacted as a stop-gap measure while the city defends itself against a lawsuit from preservation activists, hasn't brought any changes in the battle over preservation.

Council members who voted for the temporary moratorium hoped it would buy the city time to sit down with preservation activist Enid Sales and her attorney, Susan Brandt-Hawley, to narrow the definition of what is historic.

Sales' organization, Friends of Carmel Cultural Heritage, is suing the city for "engaging in an unlawful pattern" of allowing "demolitions of vintage homes" without requiring an environmental impact report for each one.

During the 45-day moratorium, city officials met with Sales and Brandt-Hawley several times. The groups agreed during the negotiations that a definition of "historic" encompassing every Carmel home over 50 years old is too broad. Both sides are also open to the possibility of incorporating guidelines used by the California Register of Historic Places.

However, the two groups still disagree on key points.

"There are still some fundamental differences between us on whether preservation is mandatory or voluntary and how CEQA [the California Environmental Quality Act] works," said Carmel Principal Planner Brian Roseth.

While the city's approach toward historic preservation singles out "very significant individual properties," Sales' group is more apt to preserve "whole neighborhoods with a large number of intact buildings all representing a particular period of time," Roseth explained.

Sales is appealing three decisions of the Carmel Planning Commission allowing demolitions of homes she believes are historic. Those appeals will most likely go before the Carmel City Council at its upcoming June meeting, Roseth said.

Two months ago, Carmel City Attorney Don Freeman warned the council that Brandt-Hawley was ready to press the lawsuit — which could run up legal bills as high as $300,000 and win a court-imposed moratorium.

However, Brandt-Hawley advised that if the council adopted a moratorium on its own, she would back off.

While the council had the option to extend the moratorium for up to two years, no special meeting was called to pursue that course of action. When asked if she had any plans to extend the moratorium, Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud said "absolutely not."

Ever since learning that Carmel's historic preservation program is out of whack with CEQA, city officials have been struggling to get the program into compliance.

In September, the council hired consultant Carey and Company to survey the city's older buildings, recommend changes to the laws protecting them and prepare a city-wide environmental impact report.

Carey and Company is scheduled to complete its work by the end of the year. Until then, the city is keeping its fingers crossed about the lawsuit.

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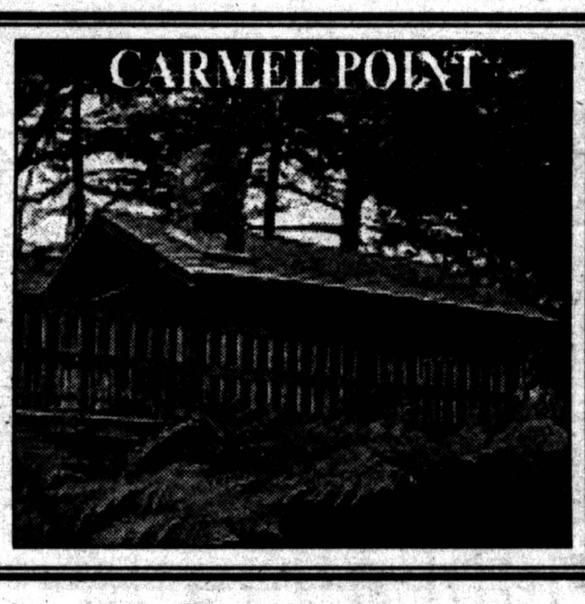

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Carmel area: Unknown person(s) forcibly entered a shed at the River Inn and stole an electric cart. The suspect(s) smashed through a fence with the cart. The cart suffered some damage to the under carriage and stopped running about 20 yards from the River Inn property, where it was recovered.

Carmel Valley: Carmel River RV park res-

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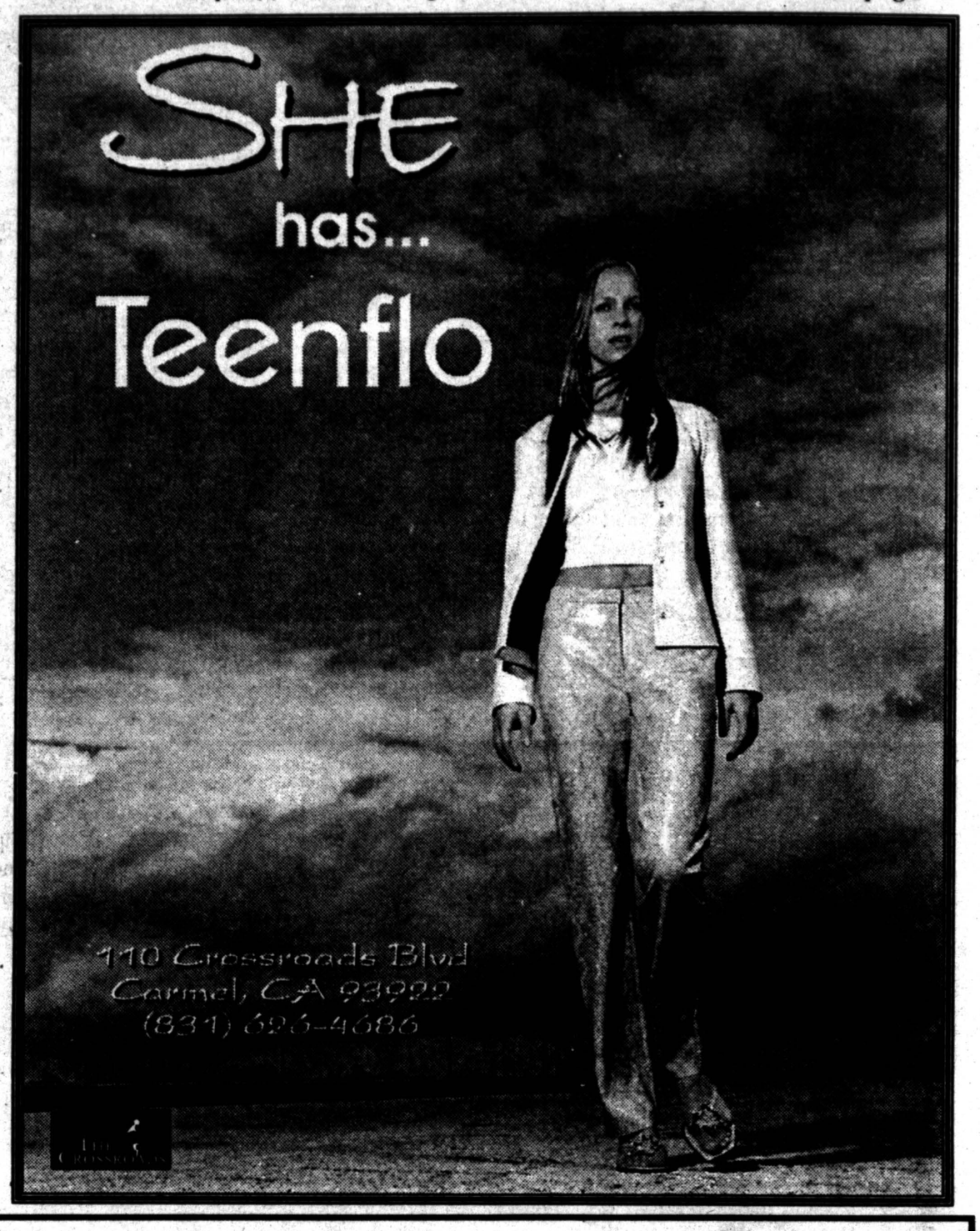

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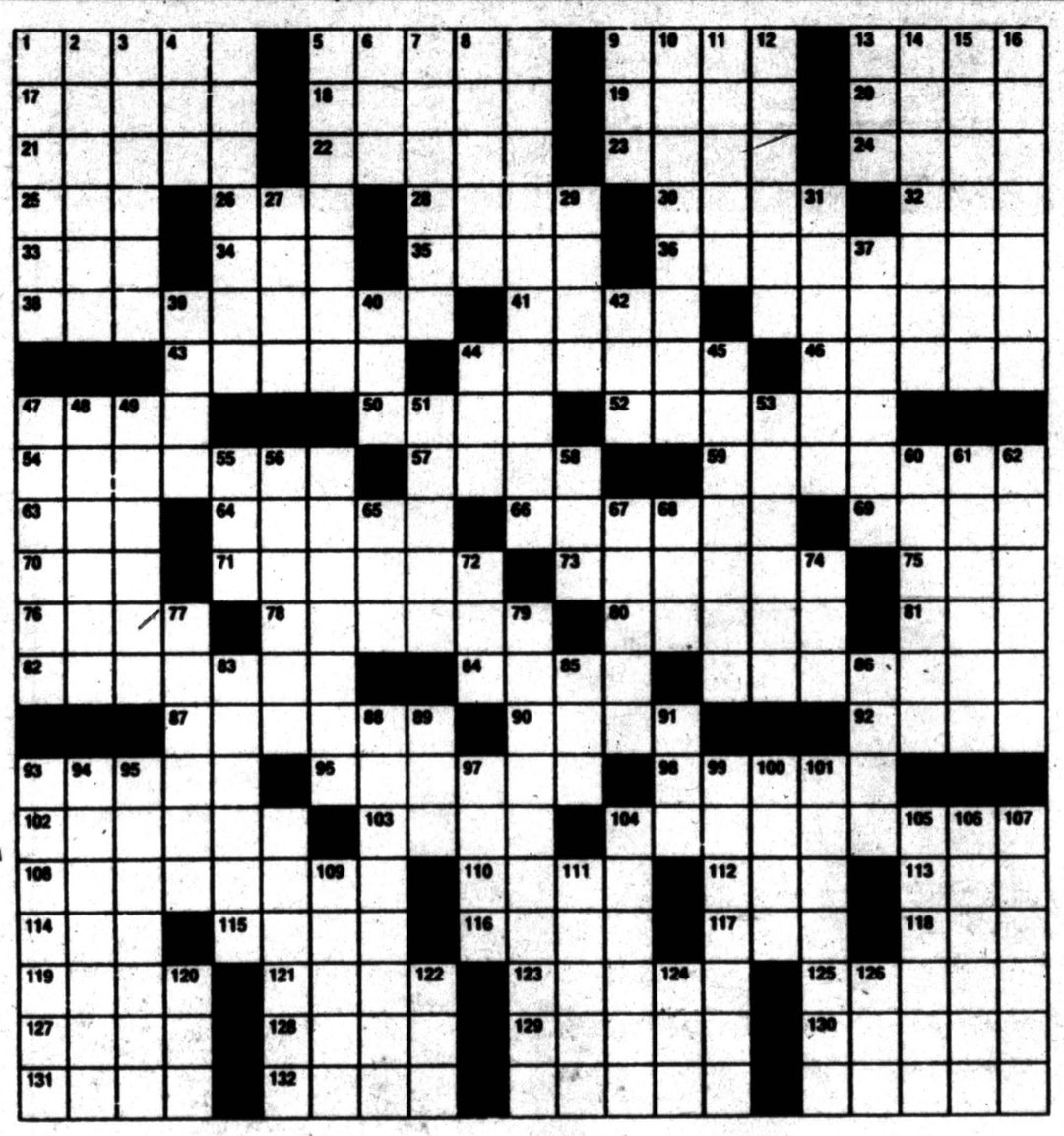

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Lobby extension in Sunset Theater Project schematics now 'not so glitzy'

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

AN EXCITING new scheme for the main entrance to the Sunset Center Theater was unveiled at a special meeting of the Carmel City Council this week.

Gone from the design for the renovated theater is the nearly all-glass enclosure proposed earlier as a new lobby to showcase the historic existing building entrance. Too costly was the reason given, and too much light impacting on neighbors.

Using an architectural model to illustrate the latest changes to the long-sought renovation, Aaron Hyland, project manager for Architectural Resources Group, told the council the historical elements of the building have been retained while all of the retrofit needs — including acoustics — have been addressed. He used architectural elevations as well as the model to explain in some detail the many spaces within the theater, the stage support areas and the building's exterior.

The latest schematic design preserves the historic double-arched entry, which will be enclosed by a lobby addition, yet remain visible through a "proscenium-like" arched glazed opening framing the doors Carmelites have come to revere during the past 70 years. A foot-wide skylight is proposed for the juncture of the present exterior and the lobby addition — which will probably be of stucco — "to illuminate the existing historic doors and wall," according to Hyland.

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston voiced approval of the new entry design, saying she "loved the new extension of the lobby without the glitziness" of the previous glass design.

Within the lobby addition, a "Romeo and Juliet grand staircase" is suggested, climbing to the balcony in what Nancy Doolittle of the Building Committee described as an "architectural statement that would add ambiance to the lobby addition."

The "back of house" areas will include a conductor's room, soloist and warm-up rooms, a green room, bathrooms and showers, dressing and storage rooms. The conductor's room will be situated where The Carmel Bach Festival office is at present, and the art studio directly below it will remain. All spaces will be climate controlled.

In the theater itself, seating in the balcony has been expanded to 158 seats, with two boxes with movable seats added, while seating directly under the balcony has been eliminated, replaced with control and projection rooms. The number of house seats remains almost the same: In the new design, there are 729 seats; in the present theater there are 733.

A major design change lowers a large cross-roof gable for rigging and eliminates a proposed tower. Additional back stage facilities will be located Stage Right — which will extend the building out to the present Mission St. curb.

A Mission Street resident voiced concern that Mission, already narrow, will be made even more so, and a boiler room proposed for the the lower parking level abutting Mission Street at the south end of the building might be too noisy. Hyland said three parking spaces will be eliminated when stage left is pushed out to the curb but will be used to continue the walking path. The street will not be narrowed. He also said the boiler room will be insulated for noise and that the most silent equipment available will be selected.

Mayor Sue McCloud noted that "whatever parking we don't have [within Sunset Center grounds] will impact on exterior parking, so I'd like to see us not lose more." Hyland noted that by relocating a dumpster from the lower San Carlos parking lot, seven spaces would be freed up. Although three spaces will be lost from the current 34 spaces on the entry side parking area, there will still be a net gain of four spaces.

With all these major improvements, a community room is not in the proposed plan, nor has it ever been included in the project, due to budget constraints. City Administrator Jere Kersnar noted that it will be "a big subject for the Building Committee" to tackle later.

Included in the budget, however, is nearly $3 million for repair and replacement items. Hyland noted these improvements will be accommodated within the total $16.5 million project.

Following the council's design review of the project, the schematic designs were examined the same day by the Forest and Beach Commission and the Historic Preservation Committee. The Planning Commission was set to review the designs May 18.

If the Planning Commission gives its stamp of approval to the schematics, and if no appeal is filed within five business days, the next step will be the beginning of the design development phase during which, with input from Sunset Center user groups, the design would be "developed with greater specificity," according to Hyland.

The council unanimously approved resolutions approving services with Architectural Resources Group for the balance of the project's design phase in the amount of $817,500, and an extension of the agreement with Davis Landon Adamson for project management services for the balance of the design phase in the amount of $108,000.

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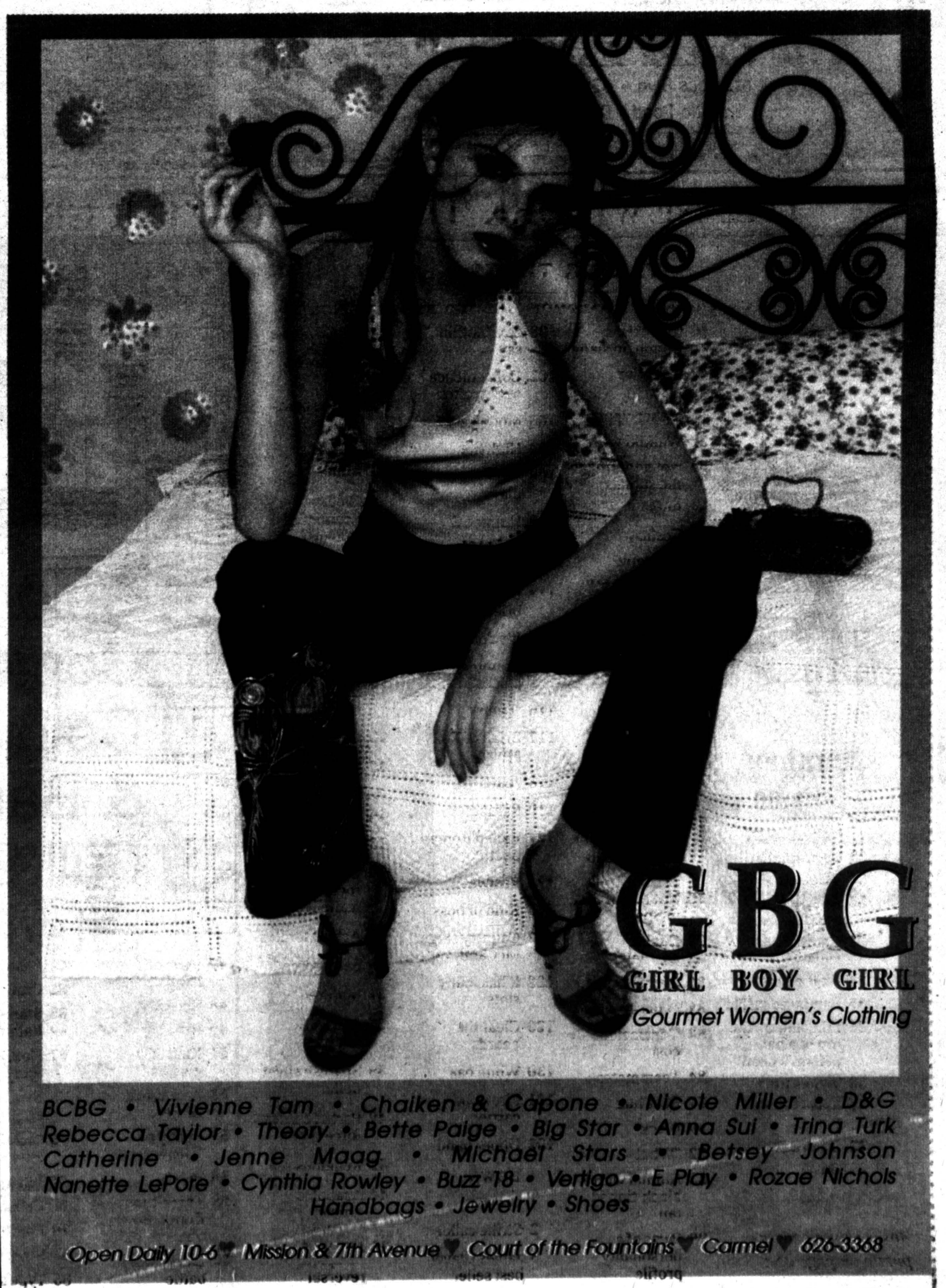
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Eighteen neighbors in Carmel Woods mull over joining city

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A GROUP of Carmel Woods residents concerned with the changing look of their neighborhood is debating whether they want their block of 18 homes to be annexed to the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Neighbors living on one block of San Carlos and Dolores between Alta and Vista met with Carmel City administrator Jere Kersnar and Nick Chiulos of Monterey County's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) May 12 to investigate the idea.

While so far the neighbors are about evenly divided on the proposal; some of the out-of-town owners, who are difficult to reach, have yet to register their opinions.

Aldana said she was impressed with Carmel's design tradition project — a proposed overhaul of Carmel's design regulations — and hopes that the new set of regulations would better protect her Carmel Woods' neighborhood.

Aldana called the new design guidelines "a courageous and necessary effort to restore the essence of Carmel."

"I'm worried that Carmel is going to look like a village in the woods and we're going to look like suburbia," she added.

If the annexation is approved, the residents would not have to pay higher property taxes. Instead, the county and city would divide the existing tax revenue from the area, according to Chiulos.

After the neighbors come to a consensus, the first thing they have to do is file a petition with LAFCO and pay a $1,200 fee, which would cover having a map prepared by a surveyor.

Then the Carmel City Council would hold a hearing to determine the level of support for the idea within the neighborhood, said Chiulos.

If less than 25 percent of the neighbors object, the annexation would be approved outright. If 25 to 50 percent of the residents in the affected area protest, then LAFCO would have to hold an election, Chiulos said.

And if more than 50 percent of the neighbors object, then the annexation attempt would fail.

The last time Carmel annexed unincorporated areas was 1975 when Ladera Drive, on the far side of Mission Trial Park, was added to the city's boundaries. Since then there has been talk — but no action — about annexing Carmel Woods and Carmel Point.

For now, the city will wait to see if 18 homeowners want to change their addresses to Carmel-by-the-Sea. "The ball is in their court," Kersnar said.

EASTWOOD

From page 1A

House Office Building — which one congressman acknowledged is not fully accessible to the handicapped — was part of a two-day East Coast publicity swing to focus attention on a proposal by Florida Congressmen Clay Shaw and Mark Foley to amend the ADA to give people accused of violating the act a 90-day grace period before they can be sued.

"The ADA is being used by some attorneys to shake down thousands of businesses from Florida to California," Foley said at the hearing. He said one lawyer had filed suits seeking legal fees from 600 businesses in his congressional district.

"It's a growing industry among lawyers with too much time on their hands," Shaw said.

Eastwood appeared on "Larry King Live" Wednesday night and on "Good Morning America" and "ABC World News Tonight" Thursday. His testimony on Capitol Hill was featured in dozens of newspapers and on all major TV networks — publicity that wouldn't have been generated if the Hollywood star from Carmel hadn't participated.

"I wish as many people would show up at the movies," Eastwood said about the jammed hearing room.

Incentive to ignore act

The congressmen seeking to amend the ADA were adamant that their proposal wouldn't weaken protection for the disabled, despite concerns that a notice requirement would give businesses an incentive to ignore the disabilities act until they had received formal notice of a violation.

But a witness who appeared immediately after Eastwood provided the most dramatic testimony about the need to amend the disabilities law.

Donna Batelaan told of a bizarre legal claim against her and her husband, Dave — both wheelchair bound themselves — over alleged ADA noncompliance at their small Florida store that sells mobility equipment to the disabled.

"Our parking lot and building are totally wheelchair accessible," Batelaan said, "because all of our customers have mobility limitations."

Because their entire parking lot was striped for wheelchair access, they failed to paint the legally required single space with the federally mandated blue stripe.

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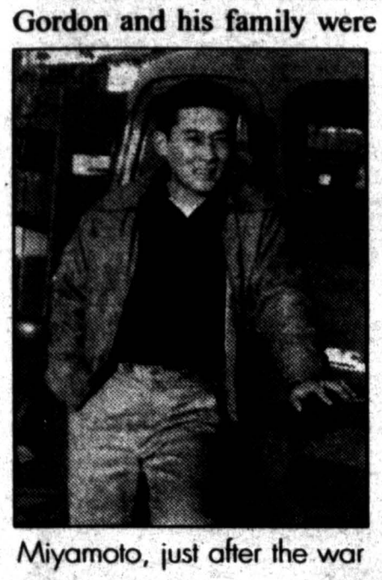
Longtimers to share WWII memories of Carmel

By TAMARA GRIPPI

CARMEL NATIVE Gordon Miyamoto has a family history in this town that goes back to 1900 when his father worked as a foreman for Frank Devendorf, one of the founders of the city. The Miyamoto family farm introduced artichokes here in 1909, and for many years the Miyamotos supplied groceries to Carmel families.

Yet none of this mattered in 1942, when 17-year-old Gordon and his family were given 48 hours to leave their Carmel life behind and report to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona.



Miyamoto, just after the war

And it made no difference that Gordon's two older brothers were already serving in the U.S. Army.

"I thought I was an all-American kid," Miyamoto said. Though a U.S. citizen, he was classified "1C" — enemy alien.

But even in the midst of a betrayal by his own country, Miyamoto remembers how his friends in Carmel rallied around him. "I was treated so nicely by my classmates," he said. "When they found out I had to leave they ditched school and wanted to hide me in a cabin by the river."

70 combat missions

Miyamoto is one of three panelists who will share their memories at Yes for Carmel!'s "Carmel: before, during and after World War II" from 7 to 9 p.m. May 25 at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center.

Other panelists include Howard Brunn, a U.S. Air Force pilot who flew 70 combat missions during the war and Kay Prine, a member of the Red Cross Motor Corps and a volunteer with the Carmel USO.

Prine, Brunn and Miyamoto were all schoolmates at Carmel High when the war broke out.

Brunn, who was stationed on the island of Corsica, said

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The Golden Years

By Myles Williams

It may just be your cup of tea to know that sipping at least one cup of tea a day can lead to a healthy heart. The risk of heart attacks can be reduced by almost forty-four percent according to a new study from England. The reason is due to flavonoids in tea, often considered among the most powerful anti-oxidants. Flavonoids are vitamin-like nutrients that make blood cells more resistant to clot. They are beneficial in hot or cold tea, in the form of tea leaves or teabags. If you choose to add milk, honey, lemon, or sugar, you won't dilute the effect of tea's flavonoids.

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Well rule speakers silenced again

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PEOPLE POURED into Monterey City Council Chambers May 15 to repeat their grievances about or support for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's proposed ordinance regulating single-user wells. But their opinions went unheard when the board, without taking comments from the public, voted to continue its consideration of the ordinance until the possible environmental impacts are reviewed.

The ordinance in question would "widen the net" of the MPWMD's control over water distribution systems to include single-property wells, desalination and mobile water systems, according to MPWMD planner Henrietta Stern.

The district does not currently control permits for drilling single-user wells and those with multiple connections on a single parcel, but concerns about the overall impact of an increase in wells on local water supply motivated the district

*See **WELLS** page 8B*

Projects wishing for water must wait

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WATER TRANSFERS should be halted to give the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District staff time to determine whether or not the transfer program actually reduces — or in fact increases — water use, the district board of directors decided in a 4 to 3 vote May 15. The district also plans to ask the state if the program complies with Order 95-10, which requires Cal-Am to limit its pumping

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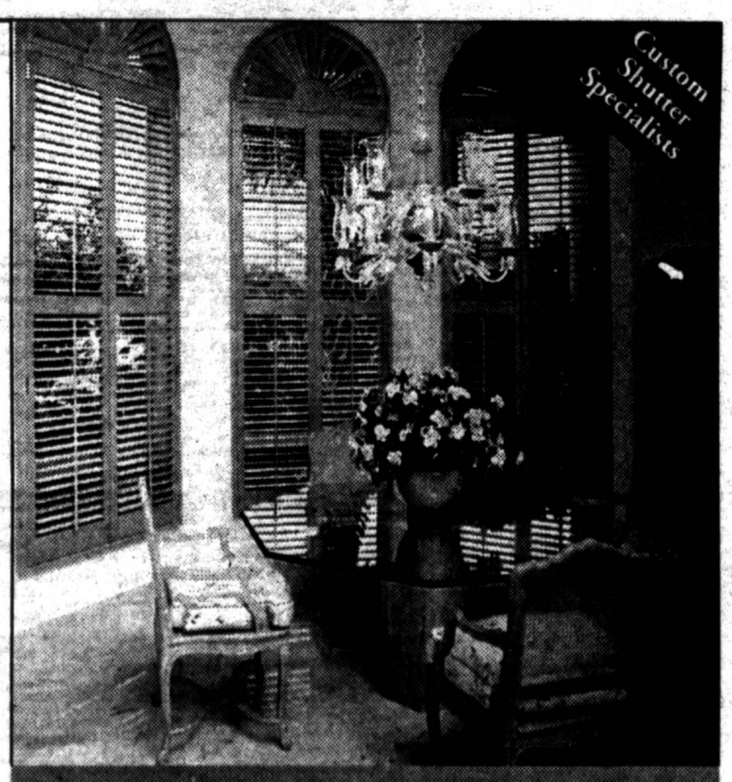

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Mystery solved: Remo Scardigli sculpted Devendorf Father Serra

Evelyn Wood, pictured in her Carmel home art studio, shows a plaster model of a musician holding a lyre that Remo Scardigli created some 45 years ago, inspired by the Carmel Bach Festival. Scardigli sculpted the large likeness of Father Serra that has been standing in Devendorf Park since the 30s.

PHOTO/MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

A CALL to The Pine Cone Monday morning from Evelyn Wood brought the mystery to an end: The sculptor who created the towering redwood figure of Father Serra in Devendorf Park is none other than artist Remo Scardigli.

A story on al fresco sculptures that abound in the Carmel area appeared in last week's Pine Cone supplement, "In Your Dreams — a Celebration of the Carmel Life Style." A photo of the sculpture was featured prominently in the hope that a reader could identify the artist. Archives of city-owned art had no mention of the creator of the Father Serra statue.

Although Scardigli's bas-reliefs in Harrison Memorial Library are well known, and are included in the inventory of city-owned art, no one knew who created the park sculpture.

No one but Evelyn Wood.

She told The Pine Cone that Scardigli emigrated with his family to the U.S. at the age of 10 from Ponte Buggianese, a town in Italy near Florence, and grew up here with his mother's artistic talents.

Scardigli lived in Carmel in the 1930s — for a time in Sea Urchin on Scenic — and during the Depression, worked on WPA art projects: He participated in the creation of friezes on Coit Tower, San Francisco, and on Berkeley High School. He was an instructor at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco, and during his time in the service, taught sculpting at the American University at Biarritz in Southern France.

Wood believes the Father Serra statue might have been another WPA project, as it was already weathered when she came to Carmel in 1951, met Scardigli and married him in 1952. Scardigli ran his own art gallery in Monterey, "Remo Gallery," with Rosalind and Pat Wall.

Evelyn, in the meantime, opened an earring shop, and in 1955, Remo joined her in the Studio Seven gallery in the Doud Arcade on Ocean Ave. where he switched from sculpting to jewelry design.

They were married for 10 years, until 1962. Although Wood lost track of him, she believes he died in Texas 10 years ago.

An artist in her own right, Evelyn Wood is a painter, currently preparing for a show of her life figure drawings, collages, acrylic and oil paintings. She works daily in the studio built for her by her husband, Tom Wood, in their Carmel home.

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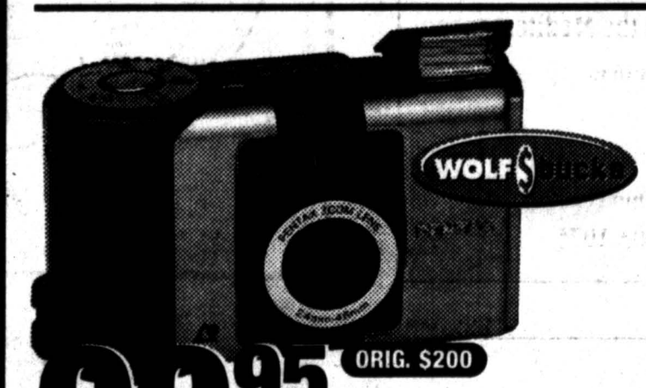

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CARMEL ART FESTIVAL 2000 BRINGS PLEIN AIR PAINTERS PACKING EASELS AND BRUSHES

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

WHAT COULD be more Carmel-like than 82 plein air painters working industriously at their canvases on easels set up in picturesque by-ways and in front of historic buildings?

It happens once a year in Carmel-by-the-Sea, and this is the seventh such Carmel Art Festival to bring painters from across the country to mingle with local artists and vie for prizes ranging from $500 to $5,000.

The term "plein air" refers to a genre of painting out of doors, in which artists paint quickly, attempting to capture light and shadows as they actually appear, finishing the painting in one "sitting." This is the way Carmel's early painters worked, including Armin Hansen, Percy Gray, Mary DeNeal Morgan and Guy Rose.

Painters who were chosen from over 150 entrants in this year's plein air painting competition began work in Carmel and in nearby areas on May 18 and will continue through Friday, May 19. Paintings created within this time slot will be displayed at Hanson Gallery at Ocean and San Carlos and will be available to the public at a silent auction scheduled for May 20 and 21. When bidding closes at 2 p.m., an awards ceremony will take place in the gallery when the winners of $20,000 in cash prizes will be announced.

PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

Pacific Grove teacher Jane Flury sketches a preliminary layout of Casanova Restaurant before beginning her plein air watercolor of the charming old cottage-turned-dining establishment.

Lots more to see

But the contest is only one phase of the art festival and featured events are free and open to the public. Other phases include the Youth Art Show at the Carmel Youth Center, Fourth Ave. between Junipero and Torres St. From over 1000 entries by preschool through 12th grade students living within the Carmel School District, 142 pieces were chosen for exhibition. The Youth Art Show is the major beneficiary of Carmel Art Festival 2000, and is under the direction of Billie Dimonaco who has shepherded the children's show for the past seven years. The show remains on display through the festival from noon to 3 p.m. A major sponsor of the Youth Art Show, the Thomas Kinkade Foundation, provided a $1,000 scholarship to assist a local student in art education continuation.

. . . and still more

More outdoor art can be viewed at Devendorf Park, Ocean between Junipero and Mission, where 29 sculptures of bronze, marble, limestone, granite, metal or glass will be displayed through Sunday afternoon.

An information tent is set up in Devendorf Park. This year's Carmel Art Festival poster features the winning plein air painting from 1999: "Monterey Bay" by Michael Obermeyer. Posters are on sale at the tent for $20 or at Hanson Gallery on Ocean Avenue. A limited number of 1994 to 1999 posters are still available, and all of them can be ordered by phone at 642-2503.

Meanwhile, 35 galleries in Carmel will be holding special exhibitions, demonstrations and artist receptions. An updated schedule of events in the galleries can be viewed at *www.carmel-artfestival.com* according to Joanna Chapman of Chapman Gallery, Carmel, who is coordinating the city-wide festival this year.

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Council: One-month rental minimum deserves second look

By TAMARA GRIPPI

YEARS AFTER the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Carmel's ban on short-term rentals, some city council members now aren't so sure the law's one-month minimum rental is the best thing for Carmel.

"It certainly seems to me it would be a source of revenue," said Carmel City Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac. "People who come into my store tell me they used to come here with their families and had so much fun. Now they want to bring their kids [for a week or two] and they can't."

While councilman Gerard Rose said he didn't "sense any groundswell to change" the law, he said, "If there's a lot of public sentiment, I'd be certainly willing to look at the issue."

He added that two-week rentals could offer solutions to some city problems.

"We ought to do what we can to maximize the family friendliness of Carmel," Rose said. "We should do whatever we can to increase a full-time resident population. I'd at least like to see various residences with people in them."

But Carmel City Councilwoman Barbara Livingston disagreed, asserting that the ban on short-term rentals was put in place to protect Carmel's residents.

"I think they made the most wonderful decision they could to protect the residential character and hotel interests," Livingston said. "To give away our neighborhoods to strange people weekend after weekend, week after week, doesn't protect our residential character or fill our hotel rooms."

In 1989, the council voted to stop the practice of renting out private homes for shorter periods of time, such as a week or weekend, because of complaints about noisy, disruptive guests.

That decision was eventually challenged all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which declined to hear the case — thereby allowing the 1991 state appeals court decision upholding the city's law to stand.

"There were no restrictions before the ordinance was passed," said Jean Grace, who was mayor when the council banned short-term rentals.

"The trouble is when people rent their homes and have more than one renter in a period of 30 days, the house becomes like a hotel, with linens being brought in and out, cleaners coming and going," Grace said.

She said she's had personal experience dealing with numerous messy, noisy, weekend partyers who rented out a house in her own neighborhood.

The council members who are willing to revisit the short-term rental decision agree that any changes to the ordinance should limit the rentals to a maximum of either two weeks or one week — which they hope would encourage families and not fraternity boys on a road trip.

At a time when the city is brainstorming ways to increase revenues, several council members pointed out one possible benefit of allowing short-term rentals — more transient occupancy tax (TOT).

"We'd have to know more about the program," said councilman Dick Ely. "Who manages it? How are the fees collected? How do you monitor it? What would be the city's responsibilities?"

Ironically, during the years when Carmel allowed short-term rentals, it was never able to benefit from the TOT, according to Grace.

"If you're going to charge TOT, then you're acknowledging that you have a hotel use in the residential district," Grace said. "It's a severe conundrum. The minute you start charging TOT you have to change the zoning to collect it."

Livingston argued that shortening the rental limit could do more harm than good. "It would result in blatant commercialization of established single-family residential neighborhoods resulting in a loss of property values," she said.

Mayor Sue McCloud wants to research the possible benefits of shorter rentals.

"I've heard a number of favorable comments about the idea," said Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud. "We should have a study session on this. I essentially want to hear from the public."

The debate over loosening restrictions on short-term rentals may amount to weighing the need to populate Carmel's empty homes against the need to protect residents from strangers.

"It's important to simply have the homes occupied," said Ely. "Almost 40 percent of the homes are owned by people who live out of town. But we have to have consideration for the neighbors. We wouldn't want to turn our residential community into a service community."

U.S. Open volunteers fink out on Carmel schools, youth center

VOLUNTEERS ARE desperately needed to man the concession booths at the upcoming U.S. Open golf tournament because nearly a hundred people who promised to donate their time have now changed their minds, according to Susie Faia, volunteer coordinator at the Open.

"More than 80 of the 'no shows' were from the Carmel school district, the rest from the youth center," said Faia. Without volunteers, the schools and youth center stand to lose big money. In exchange for volunteers manning the concession stands during the tournament, the Pebble Beach Company has agreed to contribute $120,000 to be split between the school district and the youth center.

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Food & Wine

THE GESTALT OF CORKAGE FEES REVEALED

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

WHY DO diners sometimes bring along their own bottle of wine to a restaurant to enjoy with their dinner? Is this some sort of bizarre faux pas; a privilege reserved for a select few; or, perhaps to celebrate a special occasion when only a rare vintage will do?

The answer is yes.

Ask a restaurateur about corkage fees, and buttons are pushed: Either the restaurateur will become defensive (those who have been asked to open wine brought in from the outside by the uninitiated — a wine that is either on the restaurant's own wine list or is a supermarket special), or the restaurateur will state the corkage policy without rancor or condescension.

A corkage fee is a set charge established by a restaurant for pulling the cork on a bottle of wine the diner has brought into the restaurant. The sum varies locally from $7 up to $25 per bottle.

This fee covers the waitperson's service, the cost of washing and drying the glasses, possible breakage and the loss of income from wines that would have been ordered from the wine list had the diner not brought in his or her own. (On a different level and a different scale, that's why patrons are not allowed to bring in their own snacks to a movie house or picnics to a jazz festival — it deprives the house of income).

The restaurateurs we interviewed suggest that the diner call ahead to ask if the wine and vintage they are planning to bring is on the restaurant's wine list. If so, the diner will be expected to order from the restaurant's wine list and leave the private reserve at home.

If a bottle of wine has been put aside on a couple's wedding day and is brought to the restaurant to celebrate, say, a 10th or 20th anniversary, this would be regarded as appropriate. It would be polite for diners to call ahead to inform the maître d'.

If a vintner is hosting a luncheon or dinner for a VIP or a retail account and wants to showcase three or four of the winery's varietals with two or three food courses paired to the wines, the restaurant maître d' should be informed, and a list written for the server indicating which wines are to be served with each course.

Proprietor/Chef Kerry Loutas of Loutas on Mission, Mission Street just below Fourth, Carmel-by-the-Sea, told The Pine Cone, "If a customer brings in a really special wine to the restaurant, it's a real complement to our food. I've had diners bring in a 1970 Heitz Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Martha's Vineyard; a 1974 Bordeaux; an '83 Cabernet from Freemark Abbey. There's never a corkage fee for these great wines — and I've been fortunate to be offered a taste. People in town who have extensive private cellars bring in their own wines sometimes.

"But if a customer brings in a wine, say something comparable to wines on my wine list, we charge a $7 corkage fee. This is just basic — something to make up for the fact they're not selecting something from our wine list," Chef Loutas said.

Dorothy Maras, director of operations at The Old Bath House at Lovers Point Park, 620 Ocean View Ave., Pacific Grove, says they have a flat $15 corkage fee. But she asks diners to call ahead to ask if the bottle they wish to bring is on the restaurant's wine list; if it is, they'll be expected to order from the restaurant, instead. "After all, we're a food and wine establishment; we pro-

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SLY FOX OUTWITS DEER AND GEESE IN FIELDS OF GREEN

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

HOME GARDENERS can take a page from Mark Marino's farming book when it comes to thwarting deer and geese — the nemesis of those who grow greens, vegetables and flowers in this area.

Marino, in charge of Research and Development at Carmel Valley's exquisitely tended Earthbound Farm, usually doesn't have a lot of trouble with deer until the vegetation dries out in the hills surrounding the farm. Then they come down into his lush green organic gardens planted with every manner of delicious produce and flowers.

"On a 30-acre farm, two or three deer will probably only eat five plants, so we win by the war of numbers — but in a home garden, that's another story," he said.

Marino and his wife Sally live at the mouth of the valley and have about an acre of garden. They've fenced off a small portion for themselves planted to herbs, vegetables and flowers. The rest of the property they leave to the deer, in a Findhorn-like gesture of sharing.

"A wooden Carmel-type fence will keep the deer out of your own garden plot if you give them one of their own," Marino says. "They have to eat, too."

But geese are another matter.

"It's not only the deer; it's the Canadian geese that hang out at the golf courses around us," he said. "They love baby lettuce seedlings." And Earthbound Farm has a plethora of seedlings and microgreens which are smaller than baby lettuces, including mizuna, spinach, purple mustard, tat soi, bulls blood beet tops, ruby chard, red Russian kale and red cabbage, to name a few, and don't forget the baby arugula and baby pea sprouts.

How to deter the geese and the deer from these tempting morsels in a 30-acre farm that can't be fenced or netted off to wildlife?

"Decoys made of plywood and pipe metal stakes work well," he said. "They blow in the wind like a weather vane," scaring off would-be grazers.

Marino made some large-scale fox-shaped "scarecrows" of thick plywood and mounted a sturdy metal pipe to the faux fox's mid section, driving the end into the field. Sure enough, the fox twirls around in a wind, rocks back and forth in a breeze.

Some home gardeners rely on blood meal, sprinkled on the ground around plantings, to repel deer. Some tie it up in little sachet-like sacks and hang it from their prize roses. Unfortunately, blood meal has a bad odor when wet, which sometimes attracts dogs to the garden. But dogs don't eat green plants, vegetables or rosebuds.

A few tried-and-true flowering and attractive leafy plants for your gardens that deer will shun include: oleander, rhododendrons, rockrose, rosemary, juniper, bamboo, mahonia, holly, daphne, ferns, lantana, hypericum, castor bean, strawberry tree and the beautiful and ubiquitous Pride of Madeira now in striking evidence almost everywhere.

Zinnia, oriental poppies, foxglove, calendula, marguerites and gloriosa daisy will also leave deer cold, and as for bulbs, iris, narcissus and tulips don't taste good to deer nor do eucalyptus, fir and cedar trees. Artichokes, figs and squash are not on their menu, either.

While six-foot fences usually keep deer out, if they're really determined to jump into your garden — assuming you haven't thoughtfully left a leafy plot for them — they've been known to jump even a seven or eight foot fence.

PHOTO BY MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

Mark Marino "feeds" some Earthbound Farm organic baby lettuce to a faux fox he made to keep deer and geese from the Carmel Valley 30-acre farm

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vide these," she said.

"We extend a professional courtesy to vintners and to couples who've put aside a '76 wine from their wedding day, for instance."

Proprietor Faisal Al Nimri of da Giovanni Ristorante, Lincoln between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, has a simple corkage formula: "We charge a $10 corkage fee to visitors, but none to locals," he said.

Csaba Ajan revealed the corkage fee at his three Carmel restaurants owned in conjunction with partners: Portabella, Merlot! Wine Country Bistro — side-by-side on Ocean Avenue between Lincoln and Monte Verde — and Polo Club Grill & Bar at The Barnyard.

"We charge $10 a bottle," he said, but added, as a courtesy local vintners may bring in their wines without being charged a corkage fee, as may an anniversary couple. Ajan also made it clear that for banquets, wedding parties, corporate dinners and similar large gatherings, diners are not allowed to bring in their own wine or food. "That's how we make our living," he said, then added, "We can get wines at fair prices through our wholesalers. Our guests are often surprised with our low $10 corkage fee. In the City, corkage fees can be much higher."

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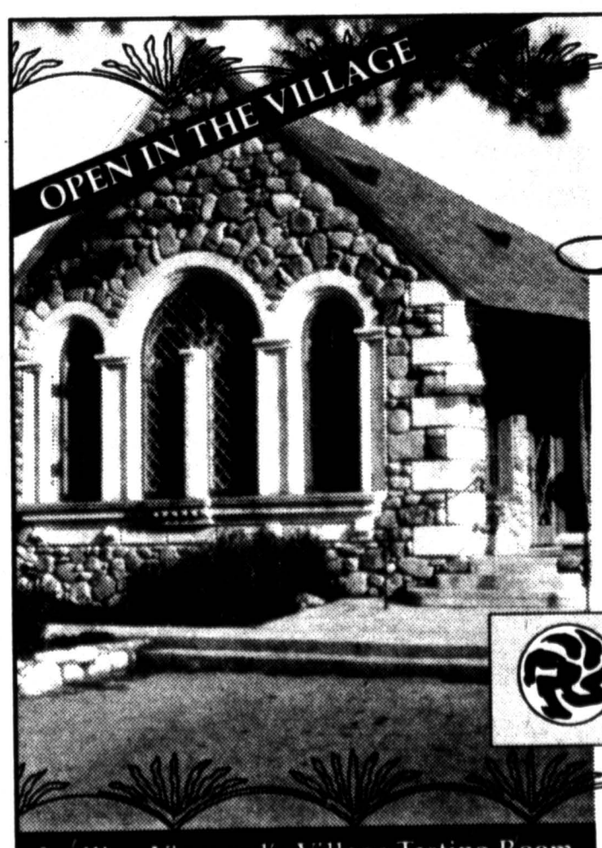

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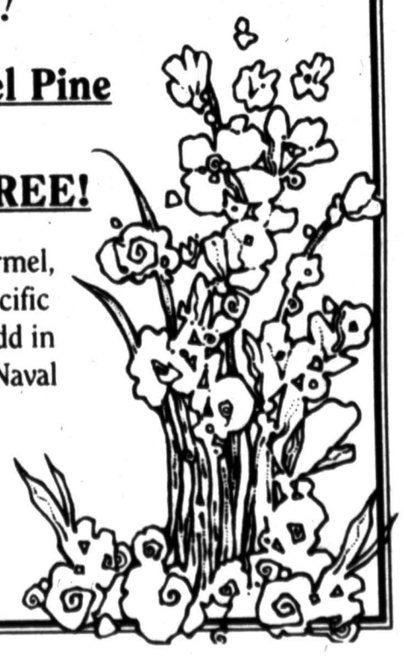

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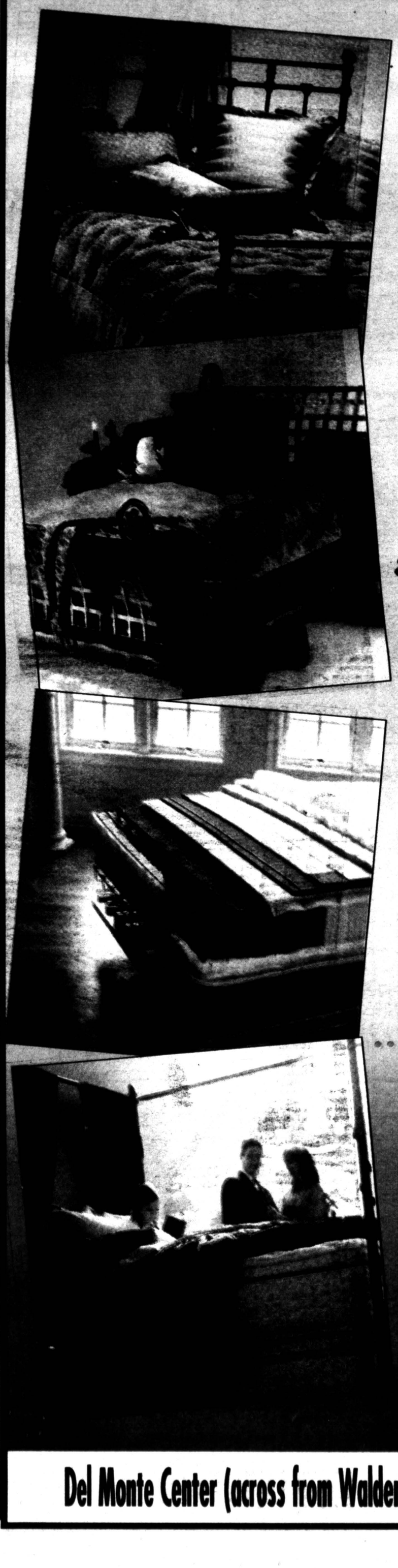

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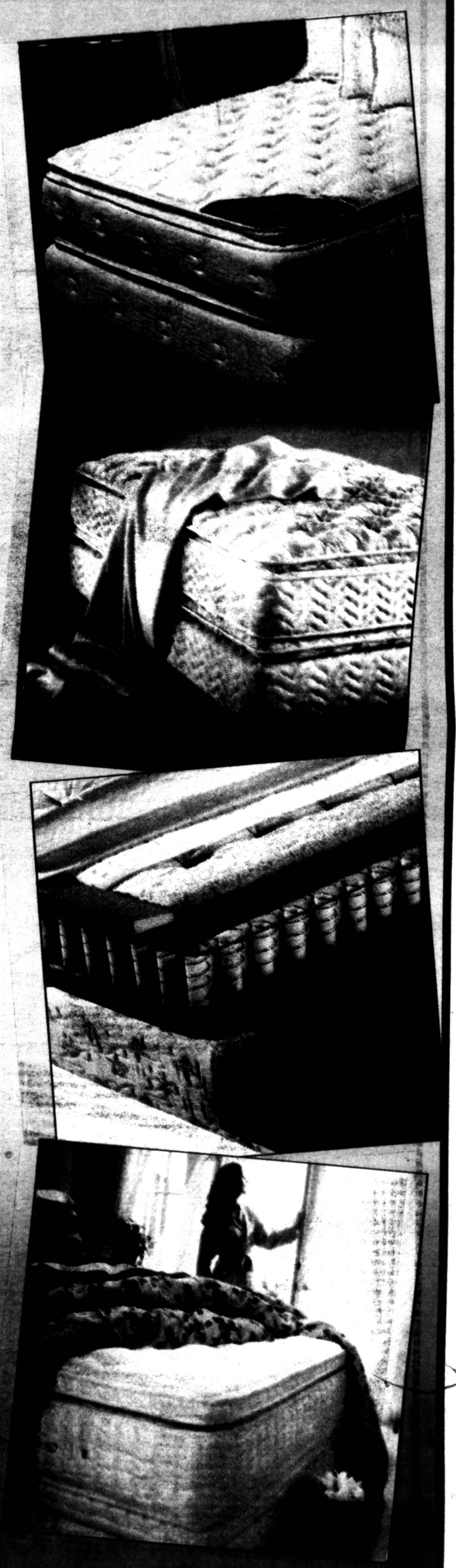

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most of his missions involved the Brenner Pass, which connects northern Italy and southern Germany.

"People ask, 'How does it feel to complete 70 missions?'" Brunn said. "It feels good if you consider the alternative."

Prine, who lived in Carmel during the nightly black-outs of the war, remembers one false alarm when enemy ships were reported off the coast. The town took the warning so seriously, it began evacuating sick and invalid residents to Salinas.

For Miyamoto, the conflict overseas resulted in his family's freedom being taken away, piece by piece. As early as 1941, his parents were told they could no longer live on the Mission Fields farm they rented from Carmel Martin, because they were "aliens."

Instead, they had to move to the east side of Highway 1, where such aliens were required to live. Young Gordon and his brother set up a tent for his parents to live near in the area where the Thunderbird Bookstore is today.

"It was an awfully cold winter that year," Miyamoto said. "I knew they suffered a great deal. It was just one of those things."

At age 16, Miyamoto decided to quit school to try to bring in a crop from the farm, even though his parents had been forced off. However, Otto Bardarson, the Carmel superintendent, refused to give up on his student.

"Mr. Bardarson said, 'At least come to school in the morning, or come for one hour,'" Miyamoto explained. "The teacher, Lloyd Miller, would collect my homework every day and if they couldn't see me during that hour they would call me at night."

A few months later, the Miyamotos were sent to the internment camp, an incarceration that would last three long years. When they came back, everything — their home, store and farm equipment — was gone. "It was just a big patch of weeds," Miyamoto said. "Even the irrigation system was taken."

Miyamoto said his family was touched when some prominent citizens offered his parents a place to stay. Miyamoto, who had been drafted out of the camp in 1944, and his brothers returned from the war to help their family start over.

"It was heartbreaking," Miyamoto said. "It was one of those things that happened to so many people."

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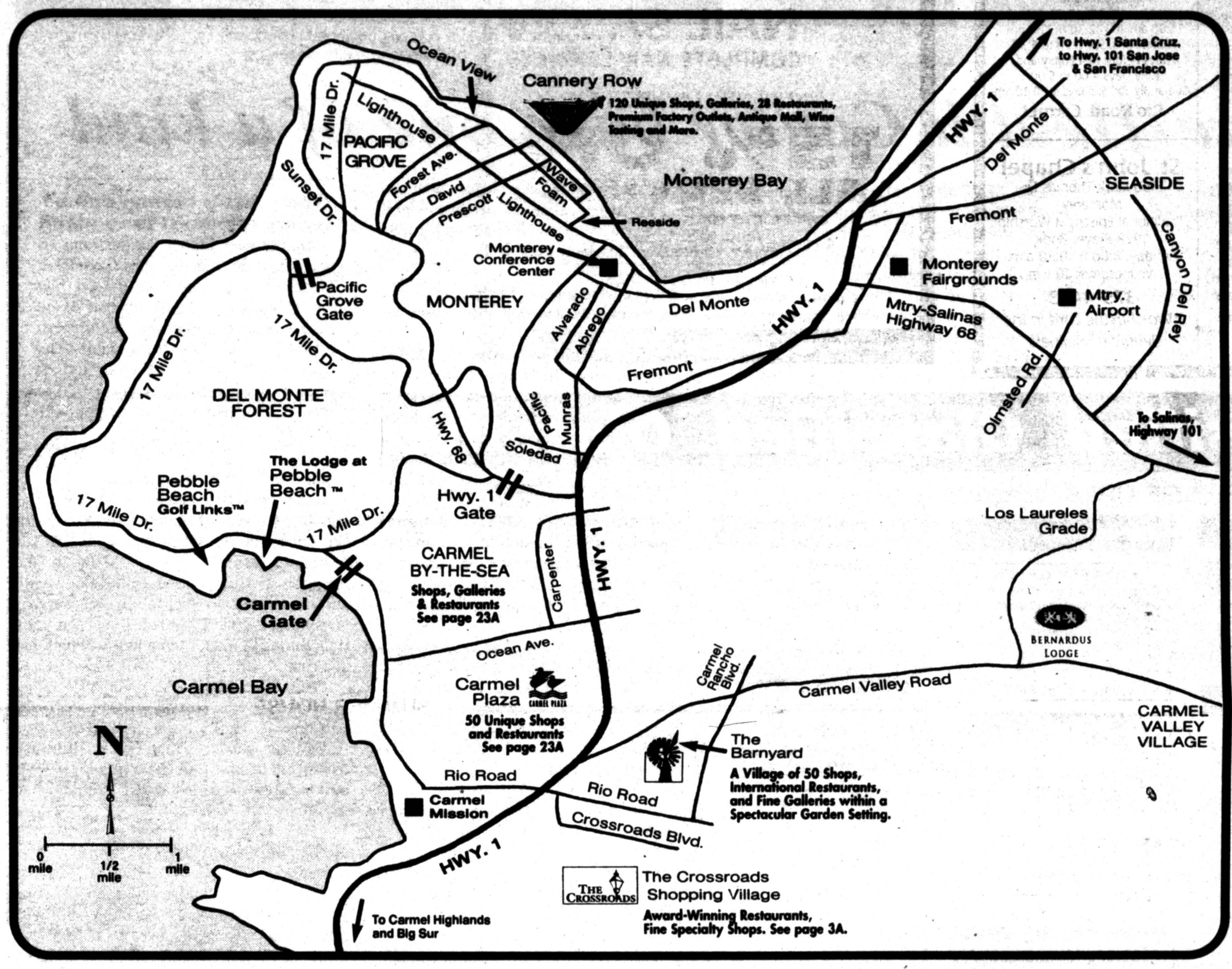

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What: MPC Players stage 'Krapp's Last Tape' and 'Act Without Words II' by Samuel Beckett
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday
Where: Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, 4th and Guadalupe, Carmel
Cost: $12 general; $10 students/seniors
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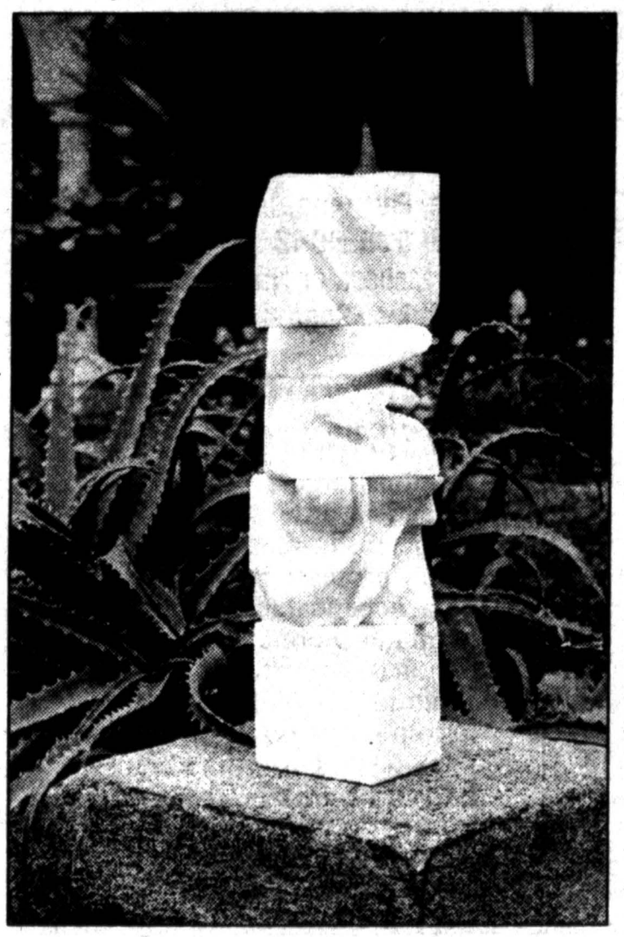

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When: Noon to 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday
Where: Devendorf Park, Ocean and Junipero, Carmel
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What: Violinist David Dally and Ensemble Monterey join Sal Ferrantelli and I Cantori di Carmel for two concerts featuring works by Bach, Dvorak, Handel and Tomkins
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Tor House was in good hands during the annual Garden Party with hosts like Una Jeffers Honscheid welcoming Mim & Sy Bross.

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Ken Harlan only has eyes for his fiancée Bunny Andreotti as Jerry Schiff smiles, at the Big Sur Health Center fundraiser.

Kim & Mark Seitman chatted with Dr. Lewis Weisblum at the Forest Theater Guild dinner.

Ventana-Health Center bash one of a kind

People and Places

By Sissi Maleki

PEOPLE'S REACTION to having their picture taken is quite educational, I've found.

If they catch sight of me while I'm still focusing, it's amazing how much they can do in the few seconds before the click of the shutter.

They — and by that I mean both sexes — will hide, throw off, put on, pull in, take off, straighten and God knows what else, short of a face lift. (I'm sure they'd try that too if they had just a few more seconds.)

And, should I succeed in stealing a photo of the unsuspecting subject, that deer-caught-in-the-headlights look I receive is tragic enough to make Saddam Hussein get a lump in his throat.

In fact, for many of my subjects, nothing horrifies them more than the prospect of a candid shot.

Well, no . . . maybe there is something that's equally terrifying: getting their profile immortalized.

Yup. That can make them blanch, too.

Problem is, I recently discovered that also makes me blanch . . .

ON MAY 10TH, a fundraiser benefiting the **Big Sur Health Center** and celebrating **Ventana's** 25th anniversary took place — the likes of which this columnist had never before experienced.

There was no glitz. There was no glamour. There was no performance, memorable or otherwise, besides the dance band. In fact, what made it unique could not have been purchased with all the money in the world.

It was a gathering of an incredibly tight-knit family — not of blood relations but of community residents — taking place in one of the most breathtaking corners of the world.

The event began at 5 p.m. And yet, despite being thoroughly satiated with the superb wine and food Ventana is known for, at 10 p.m. most were still going strong.

With the whole restaurant given over to this event, it was simply one huge party, with guests — the crème de la crème of Big Sur — getting up between dinner courses to chat with others and maintain a competitive one-upmanship at the hugely successful silent auction on the terrace.

Such support was much appreciated by the Health Center's team members who are constantly struggling to meet the financial shortfall. They often provide services for those who can't pay.

Sharen Carey, who "runs the place" according to the Center's **Dr. Deborah Biller,** loves to get to know the regulars. Sharen's husband, by the way, is **Hal Latta,** the local park ranger.

Dr. Biller is the only doctor in the area on the days she's working the center. Now and then, she's even called to perform emergency veterinary work, like the time a man brought in his huge dog with a badly cut paw.

"It was amazing how effective the owner was in holding the big dog still," she marveled.

Board members **Mary Ellen Scharffenberger, Barbara Cohen** and **Butch Kronlund** appreciate the sense of security the center provides to residents. Mary Ellen hails originally from Newport Beach while Butch, with wife **Patte,** moved here from Cambria. Butch, a contractor, frequently helps fix things around the place.

As board member **Allan Purlmutter** pointed out, "We're looking for an endowment that could help us become self-sufficient so less energy would be expended on fundraising and more on providing greater services," he explained.

Board President **Anne Ashley** was wearing a fabulous gauzy dress she had found at the River Inn boutique. Anne, a former computer software executive, was sought out by the Health Center team for her management skills. "People here are so nice, so marvelous," she enthused.

Jerry Schiff, a Big Sur resident for 13 years, was mighty grateful for the center's existence when poison oak got the better of him.

Post Ranch's **Jamie Short,** there with his wife **Terre,** finds the center invaluable to his business.

"I send employees, guests, everyone there," he said. By the way, Jamie's grandmother Kaye, (who at 91 is grateful for the Center, too) was the librarian in Big Sur for 40 years!

Ken Harlan, owner of Lucia Lodge, was present with his fiancée **Bunny Andreotti.** Bunny's still reeling from culture shock, having been a pit boss in a casino in Reno — which is where she and Ken met. She confirmed that she could tell quite a few colorful stories of stuff she's seen . . .

Marty & Ted Hartman were seen chatting with **Bette Sommerville,** who lives "right over the hill" from Ventana.

Holly Fassett donated one of her paintings for the event's silent auction. She began her hobby in '93 after taking a class of "painting for non-painters." Though she struggles to find time to paint, along with her obligations to the family business at Nepenthe, she said: "When I succeed, I fly right through three or fours hours of painting at a time."

"Now I feel like a reborn person, looking at Big Sur with totally new eyes," she explained.

Other guests included **Helmuth Morgenrath** and wife **Marty** who wore a striking gold threaded shawl Helmuth had given her.

"He's very good at picking gifts," she confirmed. Now that's a rare husband, indeed . . .

One persistent bidder in the silent auction was **Frank Hathaway,** who came with wife **Jill.** He kept sneaking over to outbid **Bob Cross** on an auction item. (He lost, though!)

The Hathaways live in Torre Canyon, where Frank's family purchased more than 1,000 acres in 1927. (Since then, a good chunk of it was sold back to the government.)

Frank still remembers the dirt road to Carmel and the nights with kerosene lamps — which is why being cut off due to storms doesn't faze him one bit. "You just roll along with it," he laughed.

Though Frank still flies down to L.A. for business, he's now involved videotaping old-

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timers for the Big Sur Historical Society. His wife Jill is a serious dog lover, often having close to 10 of them around, including wolfhounds.

Dr. Chuck Murillo's wife **Arlene** recently joined the Ventana team with her expertise in event planning. Formerly of Atherton, they're waiting to move into their new house in Monterra Ranch — two years off, at least.

Ventana's general manager, **Sal Abaunza**, was very relieved at the success of the event — the fundraiser having been largely his idea. It was the first time such an event was held at Ventana and he couldn't believe how perfectly Arlene had pulled it off, along with the help of general managers **Larry Callahan** of Post Ranch and **Dan Priano** of Big Sur Lodge. Amazingly, 100 percent of the proceeds were going to the Health Center, thanks to everything having been donated by Ventana, Ventana's suppliers, and other Big Sur community businesses.

"This is the first step in Ventana's even greater involvement in the Big Sur community," Sal stated, indicating the direction the area's largest employer would be taking.

All in all, you just had to have been there, to feel the uniqueness in this event.

(To donate to the center, call 667-2580.)

■ Jeffers controls weather at garden party

The spirit of Robinson Jeffers must have been alive and well during the annual **Tor House Garden Party** given by its foundation on May 7th. For how else to explain the windy, cloudy, foggy, drizzly weather that made itself felt that day and that seems to fit so well with the dramatic stone house of Jeffers?

Certainly the poet's grandson, **Lindsay Jeffers**, seemed impervious to the gusts of wind as he explained to visitor **John Clayton** the history of the property's garage. "The garage was built for [Jeffers'] car but it was a problem as the cars grew larger," Lindsay was saying. "Fortunately, he never changed his car."

Beth Weisgarber had been brought along by her hubby **Elliot** and was chatting with docent **Mary Jane Dziedzic**. Elliot has composed a number of musical pieces to Jeffers' poems.

Jane Miller, who visits regularly from Palo Alto, has been inside Tor House many times. "I love it — most moving is the poem in his bedroom, the place where he was to die," she said.

In fact, there was a huge contingent of visitors from out of town, making it the best attended garden party ever in the foundation's history.

George Lober, a professor at MPC, never tires of visiting Tor House even though he brings his students there regularly.

Terre Martin was enjoying having her son **Terence Hair** visiting from Oregon. A building contractor who thought he'd get a bit of R&R for a week or so, Terence found himself being put to work as a volunteer by his mother.

"In the past week, I've cleaned roads for the Lions Club, I've worked at the Big Sur Marathon, I've helped with the flowers here . . ." Whew! Poor guy! He did confess he snuck away on one day . . .

■ Forest Theater Guild benefit a smash

The annual benefit auction and dinner dance for the **Forest Theater Guild** was held on May 13th at Quail Lodge, with **Pat DuVal** as the celebrity auctioneer.

Jan & Bob Fischer were still laughing about how next-door neighbor — and the guild's board president — **Roger Parkes** simply came over one day and told them: "Here are tickets for the guild dinner; where's the check?" No mincing words with that guy!

Actually, Roger raved about the dedication and efficiency of the volunteers who worked on the benefit. "I only schmooze!" he joked. "The volunteers do all the work!"

Bob Kohn was there with wife **Lori**. He's extra busy these days having started a new dotcom company.

Morgan Stock had friends doing a doubletake upon seeing him with a full beard. Wife **June** explained it was for a play he was doing in Santa Cruz.

Mary Ann Dickie was getting geared up to go to Europe on a singing tour with I Cantori of Carmel.

Chris Sedan, a longtime guild supporter, recalled how his son **Nicholas** worked for a few summers at the Forest Theater.

Jack Cowles was still feeling the after-effects of the fame associated with just having his dog Molly featured in "Sandy Claws" in The Pine Cone.

Alan & Lotte Marcus have had the Forest Theater be a part of their lives "on and off forever."

"It's a Carmel artifact," Alan said, as he recalled the days when his children acted in plays there.

Pam Mason was there with **Greg Cellitti**, guild vice president. She and Greg have had a "significant otherhood" for 21 years.

It takes community support like this for the gems of our area . . .

■ Gardeners show off in C.V. show

In the rarefied world of garden clubs, it's unusual for normal earthly beings to get a chance to compete as amateur gardeners and be judged by serious professionals.

But at the **Carmel Valley Garden Show** held on May 7th at the Hidden Valley Music Center and previewed at a reception on May 6th, there were countless beautiful floral examples that — to this black thumb columnist — actually appeared doable in this lifetime.

Of course, knowing that the judges were from the Bay Area and would be judging the following week at the Filoli Gardens, could've intimidated some.

But not **Kathy Wittpenn**, president of the **Carmel Valley Garden Association**. Turns out among the ribbons she received were two blue ones for her flower arrangements.

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THE BOOKSHELF

Do a good deed — then extract a promise of reciprocity

IT ISN'T often a world-altering idea is suggested in a novel, an idea that so captures the imagination of readers that it's actually carried out, passed along, made animate.

This may very well be happening to Cambria author **Catherine Ryan Hyde's book, "Pay It Forward,"** now being made into a Warner movie starring Kevin Spacey and Haley Joel Osment, the young boy whose remarkable performance in "Sixth Sense" won him an Oscar nomination.

An incident that happened to Hyde some 20 years ago triggered the premise for the novel, which was published in February: Her car caught fire as she was pulling off a freeway. Two strangers jumped from their cars, put out the fire at risk to their own lives; another passer-by called the fire department. So impressed was Hyde by the selfless acts of strangers, that she, too, some time later, stopped to help a woman motorist stranded at night along a lonely stretch of road. She was paying back her debt to the strangers who had helped her.

Ryan Hyde

What if others would pay back good deeds, setting in motion a sort of universal good-deed-athon that would go on and on?

In her book, "Pay It Forward," a 12-year-old boy, Trevor, mulling over an extra-credit Social Studies class assignment to think of an idea for world change and put it into action, rediscovers the idea that one good turn deserves another – and multiplies it by three. He finds three people he can help, and then, after helping them, extracts a pledge from each that they will help three others. "Don't pay it back to me," he tells them. "Pay it forward to someone else."

Put into action, Trevor's scheme snowballs across the nation. Trevor conceives of one more good deed that succeeds in the most remarkable of ways.

Feel-good fairytale? Perhaps. But stranger things have happened, (remember "The Hundredth Monkey?") and heaven knows, the world is sorely in need of good deeds and a feeling of compassion towards one's fellow planet dwellers.

Catherine Ryan Hyde's book (Simon & Schuster, $23) will certainly linger in the reader's mind long after it has been read, and who knows? Perhaps readers will begin to pay it forward.

You can hear the author discuss her book at a literary luncheon and booksigning next week at noon, Wednesday, May 24 at The Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, Carmel. Reservations are necessary for the $10 luncheon: Call 624-1803.

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BRAD HERZOG, Pacific Grove author of **"States of Mind,"** and recent winner of $64,000 on the television program, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" will read from his book and autograph it at 7 tonight, Friday, May 19 at the Thunderbird Bookshop in The Barnyard, Carmel.

By Margot Petit Nichols

Reviewed in this column last year, "States of Mind" is the author's journey across America with his photographer wife Amy when they visited little towns with inspiring names such as Pride and Wisdom. When Herzog appeared on the TV game show he plugged his book. Suddenly, it was number seven on the Amazon.com best-seller list. Then, interviewed on The Today Show, it rose to number 2.

You can meet Herzog tonight at The Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel. And you have two other chances: Herzog will speak in Pacific Grove from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 25 at the "Good Morning, Pacific Grove," gathering in the P.G.Museum of Natural History, Forest and Central (call the chamber of commerce at 648-3100 for information); and again at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 28 at Borders, 2080 California Ave., Sand City. For Borders info, call 899-6692.

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TONY JOHNSON, author of many children's books, will sign copies from 4 to 6 p.m. Mon., May 22 at The Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel, where refreshments will be served, also. This gathering is hosted by Thunderbird for Kids. Info: 624-1803.

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BOB CAMPBELL will continue his talk on **Jeanne d'Orge** (pseudonym of the wife of Carl Cherry) that he began last month at a Local History lecture. Campbell's free talk is slated for 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at The Church of the Wayfarer, corner of Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel, as part of Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library's literary tea. Jeanne D'Orge's circle of artists and writers helped her start the Cherry Foundation. She was also one of a group of poets known as "The Others," and one of the "others" was Wallace Stevens, that most extraordinary poet whose work has influenced so many young poets when they "discover" his work. Campbell's continuing talk is entitled **"Scandal in Bohemia"** — the *rest* of the story.

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Damien Masterson has become a regular performer at The Jazz & Blues Company, and his mastery of the harmonica and the music of Brazil is a combination that is immensely pleasurable. Having studied music in Sao Paolo and Rio de Janeiro, Masterson plays an eclectic mix of jazz, ballads, and world music. He performs regularly throughout the Bay Area, and we are happy he has chosen to celebrate the release of his new CD, *Intercambio II*, with a performance at The Jazz & Blues Company.

Joanne Brackeen Quartet

Joanne Brackeen is a virtuoso pianist who has quite a list of accomplishments. She spent several years in the mid-60's as pianist with Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, and went on to perform with Joe Henderson and with Stan Getz. Being so established in New York, she was able to create her own groups with the biggest names in jazz, and is now one of the most original, exciting jazz pianists in the world. Her latest Cd entitled *Pink Elephant Magic* is available on Arkadia Jazz, and it garnered a Grammy nomination this year. Her group will feature the incredibly talented and acclaimed Jeff Chambers on bass, Gregory Hutchinson on drums, and Don Braden on tenor saxophone. Each of these musicians is of the highest caliber and they're heavy hitters in the jazz world.

Sat. May 27

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- Saturday, June 10 ➤ Gene Lees – Johnny Mercer Tribute
- Wednesday, June 14 ➤ Barbarito Torres Sextet
- Friday, June 23 ➤ Barbara Morrison Quartet
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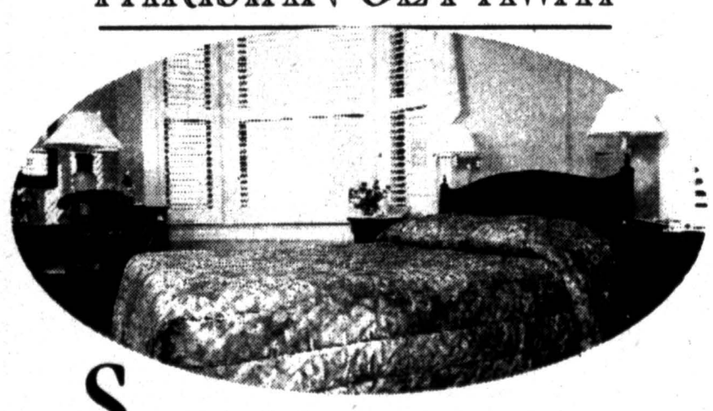

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PEOPLE

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Annie Marshall has seen the association come a long way since she moved to the valley in 1972. "I was the youngest kid in the club," said this 70-plus-year-old valley resident.

Mary L. Filo, in charge of getting the judges to show up, confessed she went through some hairy moments in the process. "I was really sweating bullets when I discovered I had them coming down the wrong weekend," she recalled with a shudder. "Fortunately, they're all the sweetest people."

Irve Morehouse was overheard sharing with **Bill Dick, Lys Fischbeck** and **Perry Glover** the funny experience of having a foreign exchange student a while back. As for gardening, Irve revealed that he had replaced his garden with cactus. (Cactus?) In fact, he donated the 40 rose bushes he had to the Carmel Foundation.

Marj Hunsicker, on the other hand, still had plenty of roses. "But my best ones have all finished blooming or they haven't started yet!" she sighed.

Others at the reception included **Jacquie Shannon** and **Dorothy Dick**.

Don't forget to give it a try next year . . . at the very least, even if you don't compete, you can find fabulous bargains in their plant sale!

■ History group nabs terrific speaker

Good speakers are *not* a dime a dozen. Far from it.

So when the **Monterey History & Art Association** manages the coup of having best selling novelist **Iris Dart** speak at its Casa Serrano luncheon on May 11th, the impact remains memorable.

Iris Dart, author of "Beaches" and other books, kept the guests laughing all the way with her dry wit and humor while describing her life and career.

From **Margaret Parkhurst** to **Hank Ketcham's** wife **Rolande**, from **Faye Messinger** to **Artie Early**, along with association president **Kathy Wojtkowski** — all made sure they didn't miss a single word.

Faye, by the way is the dedicated volunteer librarian at the association's Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library.

Other guests that day included **Jane Roberts, Sara Pekarsky** and **Demi Briscoe**.

■ Tea honors MPC's new home ec digs

It's been a long haul for department chair **Diane Bower** and instructor **Mary Nelson**, but their Family & Consumer Science building (formerly Home Ec!) at **Monterey Peninsula College** deserved every bit of effort it took to get it renovated.

Thus, on May 11th, it was time for a celebratory tea to show off the incredible new facilities that include a state-of-the-art kitchen for their culinary program. (It's particularly awesome for those who spent classroom time there in the old days, like yours truly!)

Former students like **Melodie Taggart** and **Brooke Doyle** peeked into every corner, awed at the high quality of materials and equipment they saw.

Supporters and donors like **Jim & Shirley Brown** were happy to see such results. And for designer **Bonnie Schreck**, who spent a lot of time lugging things around in her car, it was a relief to finally see it done.

Bravo!

■ Awesome views distinguish club luncheon

The **Friends & Flowers of Pebble Beach** celebrated their second anniversary on May 13th with a stylish luncheon at the old bathhouse on the beach at Spanish Bay.

The first treat — thanks to arrangements by member **Donna Schaffer** — was the bathhouse itself, now owned by **Monterey Peninsula Country Club**.

But it was hard to decide, upon walking into the main room, whether the best view was from the expansive window — or inside, where club founder **Margaret Bellini** had done a superlative job decorating the tables.

Scattered on the lunch tables was the most beautifully colored assortment of rose petals. Added to these were other flowers, and a gift of a ribboned, potted herb plant for each member.

As if that weren't enough, member **Sharon Bohrman** had created miniature sugar bonnets for each member's teacup.

Honestly — looking around left you breathless.

Members absolutely love the club. Just ask **Elizabeth Hood**, a far-from-professional gardener — like most other members — who has to moonlight as an executive with Cisco Systems.

Nelda Stauffer, Lynn O'Neill and **Georgie Polley** were still talking about all the things they learned when they all went as a team to **Tracey Gates'** garden to prune her roses.

Helen MacKinlay, a New Zealander who recently moved down here from Saratoga, is learning a lot about the microclimates around here. "We visit each other's gardens and learn so much!" she exclaimed.

Texan **Sue Woolcock** pointed out how helpful it is "to see what is growing well and what is dying," when they visit gardens. She admitted she goes through quite a few beer cans a week at her home and wondered what the recycling pickup men must think of her. No, she doesn't drink them herself — she uses them to drown the snails and slugs!

Other members are equally entertaining. **Vicki Nelson** is convinced her garden's growth "exploded" because she talks to her plants. **Jytte Carter** has resorted to her microwave to get some plants going.

Membership is filling up fast (Margaret prefers to keep the number manageable) for this energetic, dynamic garden club. Only one thing's required for membership: a terrific sense of humor.

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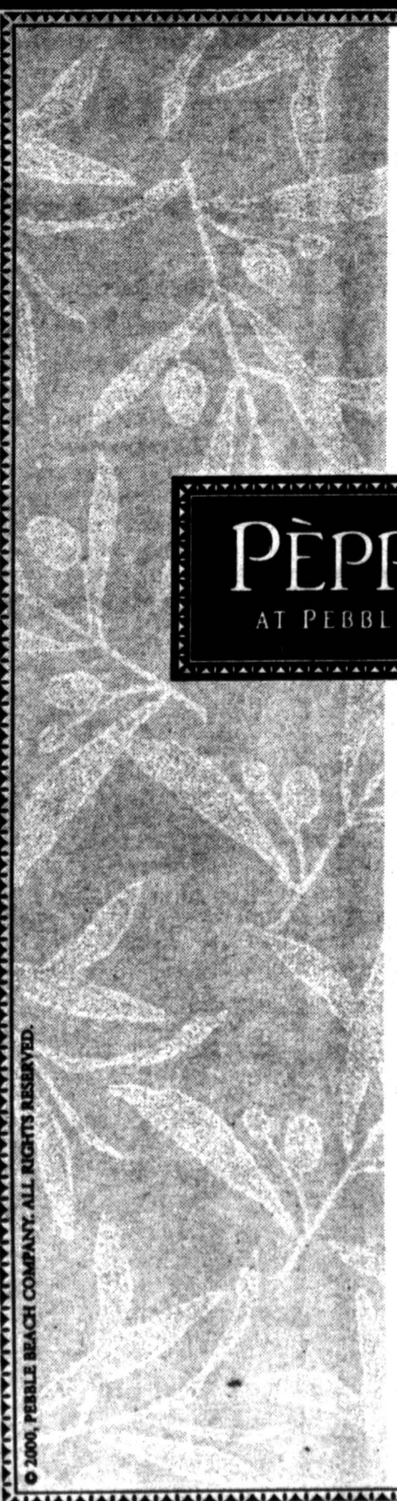

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Superb jazz artists slate Carmel concert dates

THE JAZZ & Blues Company in Carmel continues to improve its already impressive lineup of entertainment. This week and next bookers Gil Wisdom and Alan Schultz have three true gems lined up beginning this Saturday night (May 20) with the appearance of the **Damien Masterson Quartet**.

Masterson, a regular performer at the intimate Carmel jazz venue, is a master of the chromatic harmonica and appears this week in support of his latest CD, "Intercambio II." A former exchange student at both the Universidade de Sao Paulo and the Universidade Livre de Musica, Masterson has the feel of a true Brazilian player.

Appearing Thursday, May 25 at the Crossroads Shopping Center Community Room, drummer **Elvin Jones** is a true jazz legend, a musician who subtly changed the way an entire generation of jazz fans listened to music. Said the late esteemed jazz critic Leonard Feather in his Encyclopedia of Jazz, "His main achievement was the creation of what might be called a circle of sound . . . the overall feeling became a tremendously dynamic and rhythmically important part of the whole group. Jones moved away from the concept of swinging toward a newer freedom."

A member of the classic John Coltrane Quintet in the early 1960s, Jones previously performed with Charles Mingus, Bud Powell, Miles Davis, Art Farmer and J.J. Johnson. He left Coltrane's group in 1966 to lead his own trios, quartets and quintets and performs this week courtesy of the Jazz & Blues Company with the **Elvin Jones Jazz Machine** featuring **Antoine Roney** on tenor sax, **Eric Lewis** on piano, **Darren Barrett** on trumpet and **Steve Kirby** on bass. Tickets are $40/$50 and $60. And get this: A special Elvin Jones early pre-set dinner starting at 5:30 that evening is planned at Pasqual's restaurant, Junipero between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel — so you can eat, then make it over to the Elvin Jones performance by showtime. Ray Pasqual is preparing a three-course ("3 set") dinner. Cost is $18.95. Reservations: 624-2200.

Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

A perennial local favorite, blues singer **Sista Monica**, celebrates the release of her third CD, "People Love the Blues," this

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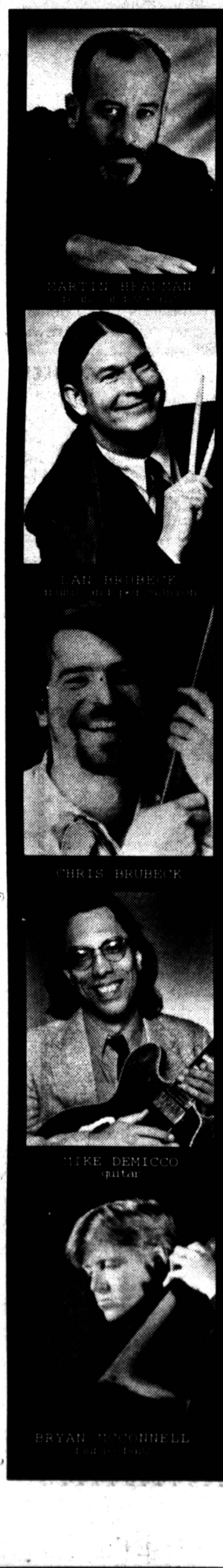

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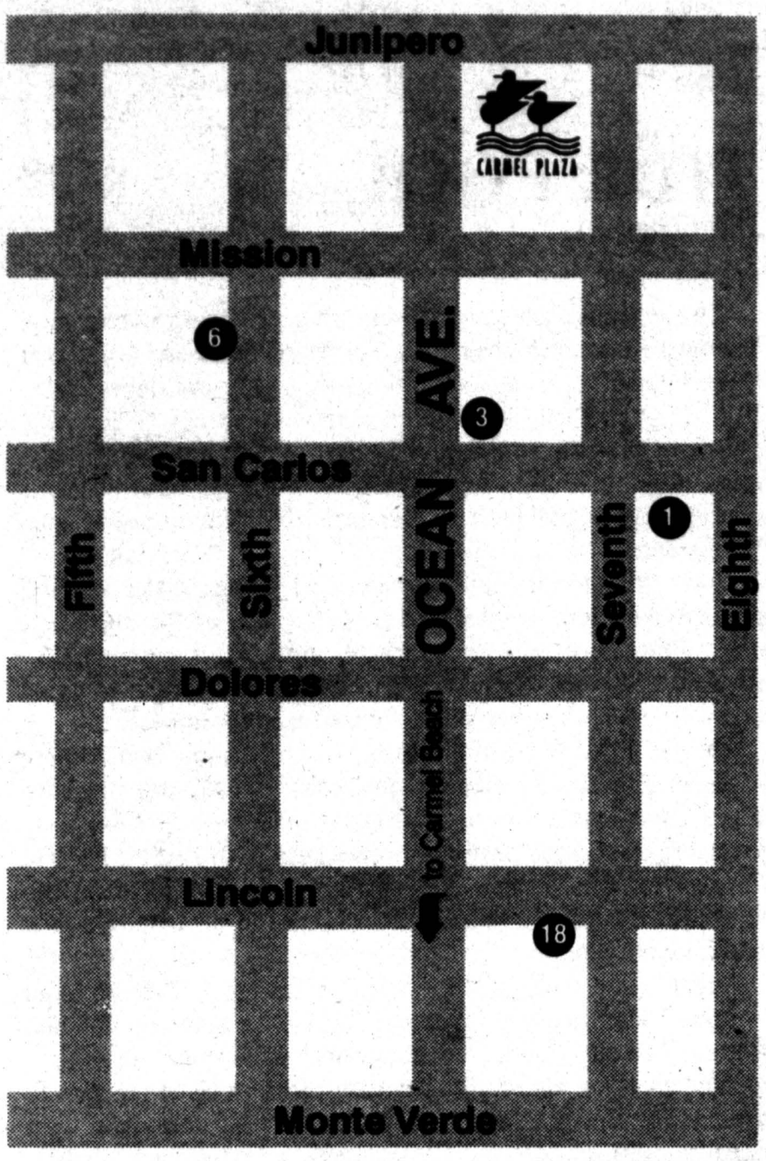

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The Monterey United Methodist Church at the corner of Soledad and Munras has been presenting free bluegrass concerts on a semi regular basis. Performers generously offer their services for free but they are compensated in part by collections which help to offset their expenses.

Monday, May 22, Doobie Shea Records recording artists **Mountain Heart** perform at the local church. Named Emerging Artists of the Year at the 1999 International Bluegrass music Association's annual awards show, Mountain Heart plays traditional bluegrass with a traditional flair. Call 375-8285 for more.

Sound Bytes

At the Riverland Vineyards in South Monterey County, Sandy Shore Productions presents smooth jazz trumpeter **Rick Braun** this Sunday, May 21. Tickets are $25 and up. Call 649-1223 for reservations and more info. Yet another great reason (excuse) to head down to Big Sur this weekend . . . the **Big Sur Experimental Music Festival** takes place this Saturday and Sunday (May 20-21) from noon to 8 p.m. at the Henry Miller Memorial Library. The BSXMF features a diverse lineup of adventurous modern music including electronica, experimental improv, and ambient music. Check out their web site at www.henrymiller.org/Events/-bsxmf.html.

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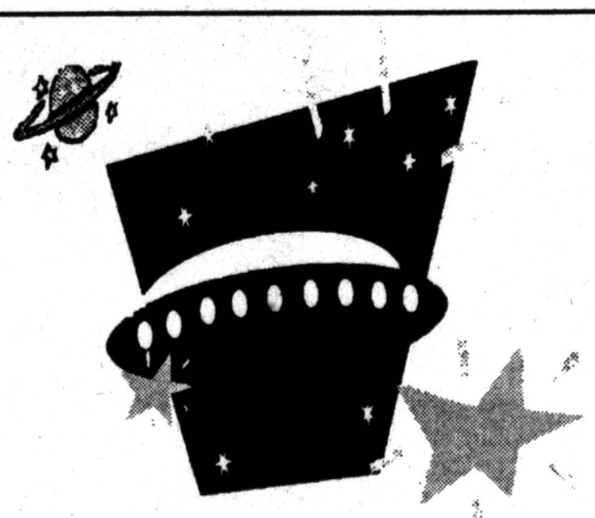

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Driving

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from Via Mallorca when they entered the road in front of oncoming traffic and were broadsided. Both died from injuries incurred in the May 8 accident.

On May 12, Kenneth and Jean Ehrman, aged 82 and 80, were killed when they turned directly in front of an oncoming car as they turned onto Via Mallorca from Carmel Valley Road.

County officials described those two accidents as freak occurrences. Carmel Valley Road has never before had a fatality in a collision between vehicles, according to Nick Nichols, deputy public works director of engineering for the county.

"We certainly haven't had fatalities on Carmel Valley Road — I can tell you that," Nichols said. "It's a very unusual and tragic occurrence to have four people killed in one week, especially at one location."

Prior to the rash of fatal accidents this month, collisions occurred at the intersection about once a year, Nichols said, and always involved drivers in their 80s. Also, all of the accidents involved a car pulling out of Via Mallorca in front of oncoming traffic, he said.

"In looking at the history prior to last week's fatality, one accident per year is relatively low — there are intersections with much higher frequencies of accidents," he said.

As a result, the county's focus has been on more troublesome intersections. "The intersections at Dorris Drive and at Los Laureles Grade are the two that come to mind," Nichols said.

The intersection of Rancho San Carlos Road and Carmel Valley Road was by far the worst, according to Nichols, before the stoplight was installed there last year.

But the county has worked with Hacienda Carmel — a residential complex for senior citizens at the end of Via Mallorca — over the last five years to make improvements to the intersection, including increasing visibility and striping.

Compared to similar roads throughout the state, Carmel Valley Road rates relatively low in accident rates, Nichols said, but that does not mean it does not warrant attention and the list of improvements supported by the citizen-staffed Carmel Valley Road Blue Ribbon Committee.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors will hear from the committee at its regular meeting May 23. Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter has asked the public works department to also look at the Via Mallorca intersection although it falls outside the area on which the committee has focused its efforts.

The county created the committee to address concerns about safety and traffic on Carmel Valley Road, particularly on segments six and seven, between Robinson Canyon and Rancho San Carlos. Its proposed list of improvements includes left turn pockets and turn lanes.

"The accident rates are lower than the statewide average for similar roads, but that does not take away our concern," he said. "We do not like to see people get hurt."

TIDE POOL

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Collins said.

The initiative purports to rely on a provision of the state fish and game code that allows cities to file objections over "take" permits given out by the fish and game department. But according to a letter from the department to the city, thespecific section of the code that allows cities to "veto" local take permits is overridden by more general sections that ultimately give the fish and game department power over state waters.

According to city attorney George Thacher, if the fish and game department decides Pacific Grove has no business regulating tide pools, the city has a few options. It can appeal to the fish and game commission, take the department to court or try to get a state law passed to enforce the measure.

Other aspects of the initiative had council members scratching their heads with questions. While the measure was promoted as a means to protect the near-shore tidepools, the actual language in the initiative targets the entire Pacific Grove Marine Gardens Fish Refuge, which runs from the aquarium to Point Pinos along the shoreline and out to a depth of 60 feet.

Again, said Collins, the city is venturing outside its legal borders. The marine gardens area "is a state-established refuge. The city doesn't have authority over that," he said.

The measure also returns the authority to issue permits to the city, by designating the city manager as the person with permit authority.

Council member Robert Huitt wondered whether such a provision would force the city manager to determine which

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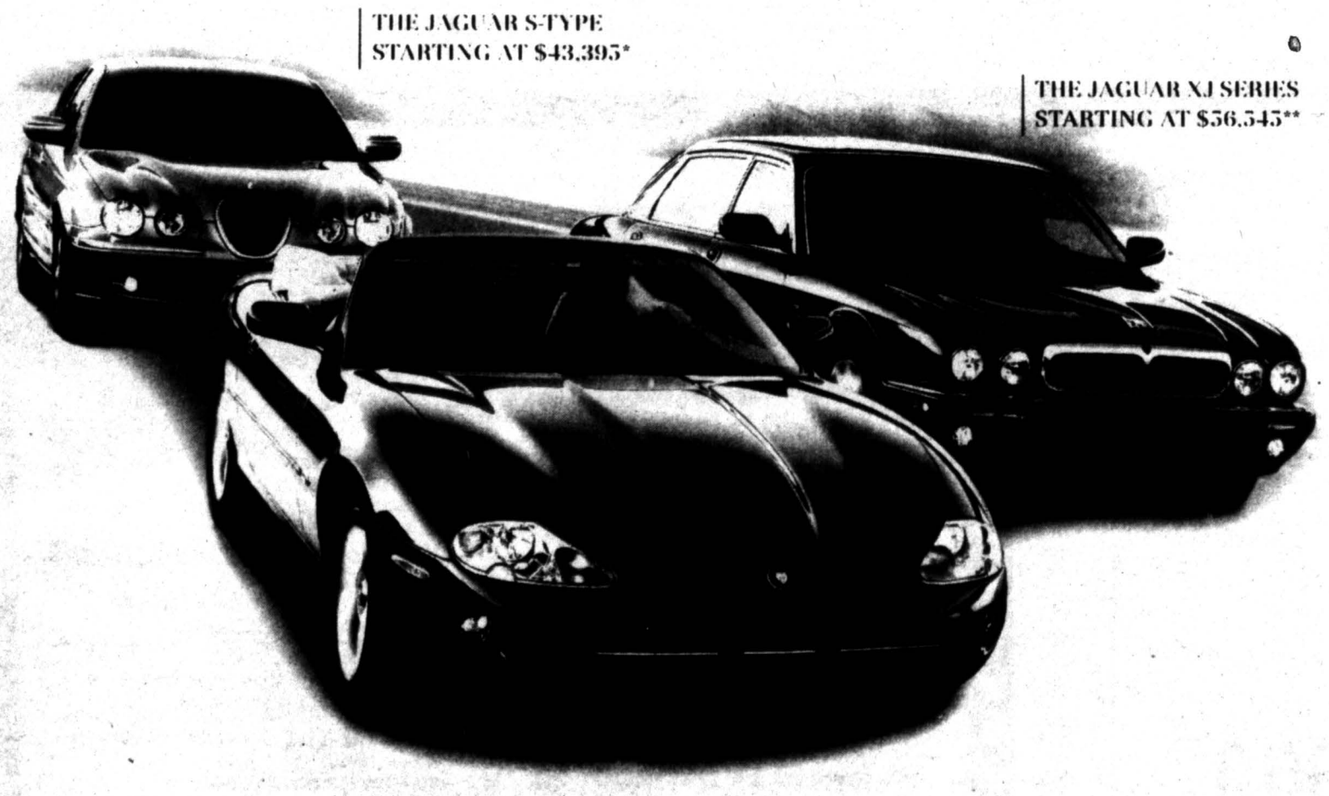

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Driving

Springtime volunteers swing into action for NASCAR

By MARY BROWNFIELD

As LAGUNA Seca Raceway begins bustling with racing excitement this weekend — when it will host NASCAR races for the first time in almost 20 years and off-road truck racing for the first time ever — everything must come together at the hands of the volunteers who run the track.

People from just a dozen organizations, including the Pacific Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Carmel Valley Rotary, Monterey Bay Veterans and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, will be working this weekend, according to Laguna Seca PR man Rod Davis, because the event is so small.

For mammoth events like July's World Superbike races and the colossally popular CART races held every September, more than 1,000 volunteers from 70 organizations put their blood, sweat and tears into making sure things run smoothly. The CART races have attracted more than 100,000 spectators every one of the 18 years they've run at the track, according to Davis.

"Before the season begins, these clubs — many have been doing it for years — sign up to take part," Davis said. Volunteers run admissions, concessions, program sales and security, among many other duties.

And at the close of the season, SCRAMP adds up their work hours and compensates their non-profit organizations based on the time they put in at the track.

Since 1957, Laguna Seca and the Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula that runs it have given more than $9 million to local charities.

The NASCAR Winston West Series, along with support races in off-road trucks, sidecars and the American Cities Racing League, runs May 20 and 21 at Laguna Seca.

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take permits are scientific, a responsibility the office has never had before.

Backers of the measure collected signatures to put it on the ballot last year, claiming their concerns were being ignored by the city council and subverted by aquarium employees serving on the P.G. natural resources committee.

But Mayor Sandy Koffman said the city has responded to most of the activists' concerns and cited actions already taken by the city: interpretive signs will be posted along the shoreline in a few weeks; the city funded the docent group BayNet and convened a task force to study the issue; and the police department started keeping closer watch on the shore.

The only thing the city didn't take a stand on was the "no take" demands of the activists, because of the conflicting and confusing information it received, the mayor said.

"We're not being dragged kicking and screaming to the protection of our shoreline," said Koffman. "There's no doubt this community wants to protect tide pools and there's no doubt the council wants to, too."

According to fish and game biologist Carrie Wilson, "There's a misperception that there are all these scientific collectors with permits in that area."

The department has issued only one permit in the last year to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which has voluntarily suspended collecting in Pacific Grove.

"We don't just rubber-stamp the permits," said Wilson.

But it remains to be seen whether the measure will provide any additional protection, given the many questions still lingering.

"Twenty-seven experts say it won't make a difference. We won't know until we send it to fish and game. It's the only way we'll get answers," said Costello.

In other actions, the council voted to continue a hearing on a proposed amnesty program for illegal housing units until its June 7 meeting and approved a one-year special levy on business tax licenses to fund downtown marketing.

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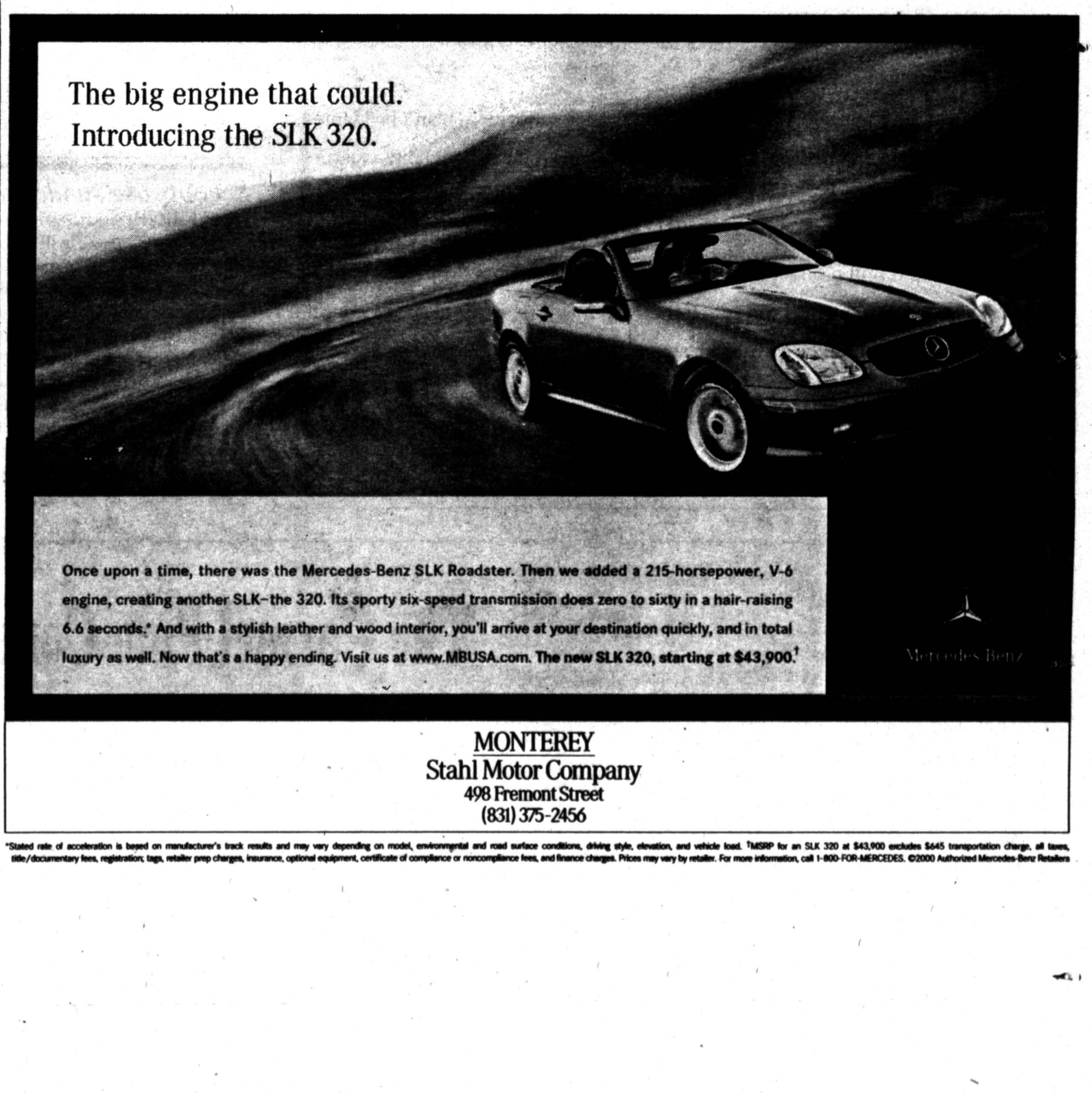
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OPINION

Editorial

Your most important vote

THE STUDENTS in Richard Fletcher's class at Carmel High couldn't be accused of faking if they said they felt sick right before a biology final.

In fact, it's amazing their classroom, which makes a visitor feel woozy as soon as he walks in the door, hasn't been condemned.

That classroom — number 24 at the venerable school — was built in the 1940s on a thin layer of fill next to a steep hill. Evidently the original builder didn't bother to compact the fill much, because over the years one corner of the classroom has settled at least 10 inches, causing the floor inside to slope very noticeably downhill, disorienting the room's young occupants.

If any of the girls head to the gym right after biology class, they're subject to a form of double jeopardy — because the girls' locker room is even worse than Classroom 24. With its mass of peeling paint and its decaying fixtures, the locker room looks like a set for a cheap horror movie.

A tour of the crumbling school elicits gratitude for one thing: Carmel's mild climate. Otherwise, our high school students would suffer frostbite, thanks to their school's ancient heating system.

Throughout Carmel High, asbestos tiles are crumbling, wiring is frayed, ceilings leak and windows are cracked.

The high school — like the other schools in the Carmel Unified School District — points an accusing finger at the upscale residents of the community it serves. Perhaps the nicest thing one could say about the failure to properly fund our public schools is that many taxpayers simply don't know how bad conditions have become in the buildings where our young people spend most of their waking hours.

A big step away from neglect and toward proper concern for the education of Carmel's children can be taken Tuesday, when a $20 million bond measure for capital improvement projects goes before voters in the Carmel Unified School District.

If it passes, the measure will produce millions more in matching funds from the state, school district officials say.

Hardworking taxpayers — who pay a multitude of levies — can't be blamed for hesitating to endorse any sort of tax increase. But the school bond measure — Measure A — is the sort of tax that even the most militant anti-tax crusader would have to support, because of the direct, essential and universally beneficial results it will produce. The entire community — from the newest baby to the oldest senior — reaps rewards from a top-notch school system. To continue to neglect it would be an offense against our young people, and against ourselves.

Measure A won't pass without a two-thirds majority. Your vote in favor May 23 will be the most important vote you cast this year.

BATES

"I don't care if his name is Jonathan and he's part of the family, we still can't add him to the census."

Letters to the Editor

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Schools are rundown, unsafe

Dear Editor,

On May 23rd, we will be asked to cast a vote that will have a major impact on the future of our community. Measure A, the Special School Bond Election for the Carmel Unified School District, is about our children, our community and our legacy. Measure A will authorize the sale of $20 million in general obligation bonds for the renovation and modernization of our schools. These funds will be used to replace aging infrastructure and outdated technology. At a cost to the taxpayer of less than $1.63 per month, we can provide an excellent educational environment for our children. I have more than 20 years experience in the construction, maintenance and revitalization of educational facilities at every level. I have watched in dismay as the quality of our educational system in California has deteriorated in the past decade due to neglect and indifference. I have visited our local schools and I can assure you that this effort is long overdue. Utility systems are inefficient and inadequate, facilities are rundown and unsafe and the science and computer labs are insufficient and obsolete. This is not the environment where we want our children to spend 30 percent of their time. This is an opportunity for us to tell our children that their education, their well-being and their future are important. Please vote yes on Measure A

Richard M. Ely, City Council member
Carmel-by-the-Sea

Changes to accommodate junk mail?

Dear Editor,

The United State Post Office Department plans to renovate the Carmel-by-the-Sea Post Office because the present boxes are too small to receive standard stamped and addressed mail and the large and growing amount of low-cost, unsolicited bulk mail,

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known to the public as "junk mail." Employees are hurting their hands stuffing the combined amounts into the boxes. And, incidentally, the box holders are having difficulty extracting the tightly packed material out of their boxes to take to tables and separate the unwanted items into trash containers provided by the post office.

The post office wants to install larger and more boxes which will require more floor space in their overall design, necessitating reducing walkways, service areas and removing desirable benches.

None of these costly and unsought changes would be necessary if the "junk mail" could be eliminated. But it was solely the post office department which offered its taxpayer-funded facilities, equipment and personnel at very low rates to individuals, companies and agencies for delivery of unsolicited bulk items. This non-mandated government service becomes highly questionable when it requires renovation of our otherwise adequate post offices.

To gain space for more of the larger boxes, the post office can offer some present Carmel box holders the alternative of delivery to clusters of mail boxes on sides of streets in their respective neighborhoods by extending the existing adjacent county routes, subject to Carmel City Council and citizen approval. The latter is unlikely because our streets are generally without sidewalks, making the streets narrow for mail truck stops.

Sam Farr, U.S. Congressman and life-long resident, is in a position to initiate an external audit of post office bulk mail service costs to determine whether such nationwide and growing operations are truly as profitable as alleged at such low handling rates and justify major changes to the citizens' mail delivery system.

Laurence W. Dickey, *Carmel*

What about tenants?

Dear Editor,

I read, with interest, our new mayor's plea to Carmel's innkeepers not to gouge their guests with high room rates during the U.S. Open.

Mayor McCloud, your sympathy for the "premium paying tourist" is really nice. But what about the local residents who have lived and worked in Carmel for years and every year receive a "premium" rent increase or on eviction notice because their landlord sees premium dollar signs? Consider the May 12 article in The Pine Cone regarding Bill Bates and his family returning home from a trip overseas to find an eviction notice taped to their front door.

I have lived and worked in Carmel for over 20 years and as a renter have a bad taste in my mouth when trying to reason with my landlord that I don't get a cost-of-living increase to offset his desire to raise the rent.

If a tourist does not want to pay the high tariff for a room in Carmel, he simply declines the room. A tenant, however, is forced to pay the increase or suffer eviction and bear the harsh realities of an ever-shrinking housing market.

Most renters are being priced out of the rental market and forced to leave the area. What do you suppose the long-term effects of this reality will be?

If you want Carmel to be a friendly, hospitable place, how about an open letter to the landlords pleading with them to stop gouging their tenants?

M. Sommers, *Carmel*

Alert for WWII vets

Dear Editor,

I wonder how many of our WWII veterans, alive and well and living in Carmel, are aware of the upcoming celebrations on June 6th in New Orleans to open the new D-Day Museum. Apparently this event is being heralded as the "last hurrah" to celebrate the veterans of D-Day. The event promises to be quite a spectacular affair over a four-day period and includes everything from a parade (the largest military parade in this country in 40 years!), warships sailing up the Mississippi, exhibits and veterans' personal accounts, to celebrity speeches from Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg and extensive media coverage. I have read absolutely nothing about this in our local newspapers and personally know a few of my clients here who are veterans and have shown active interest when I mentioned the museum and my intent to attend. I know there must be others here who would really like to attend this museum grand opening.

Anyone really interested in further information with computer access should visit the D-Day Museum website at "ddaymuseum.org."

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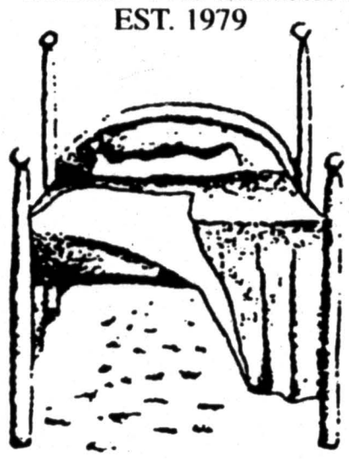

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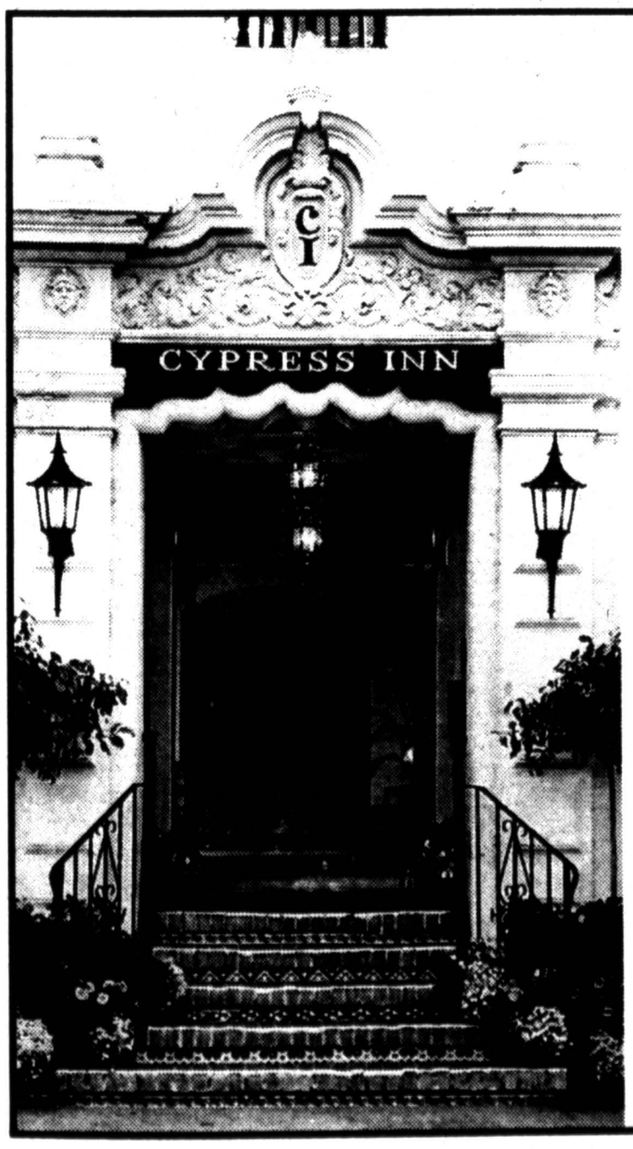

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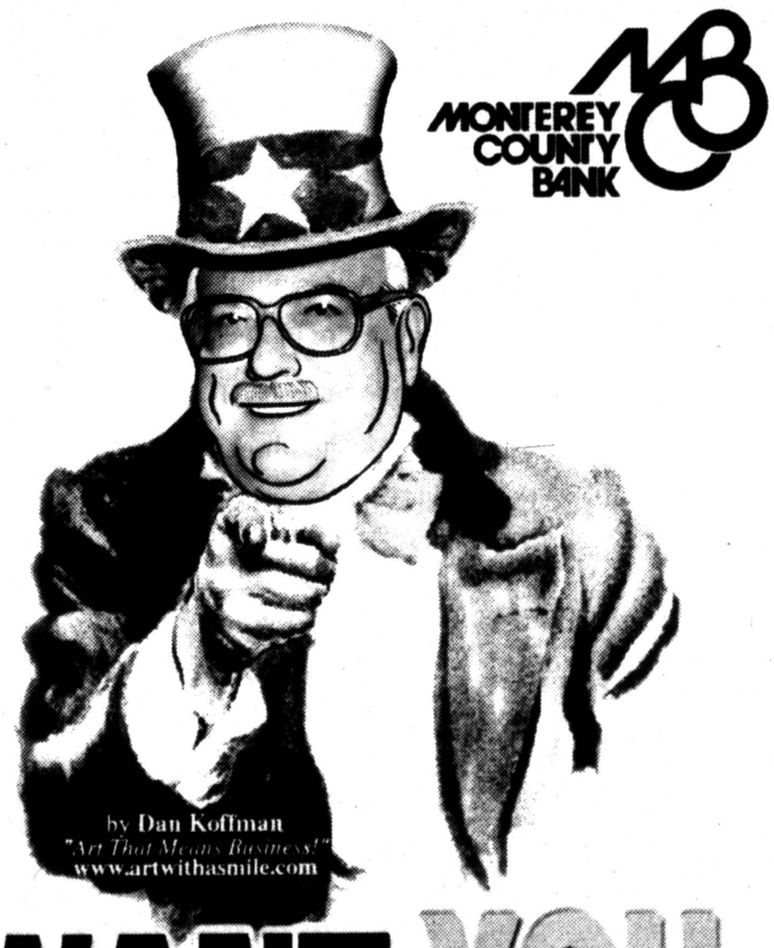

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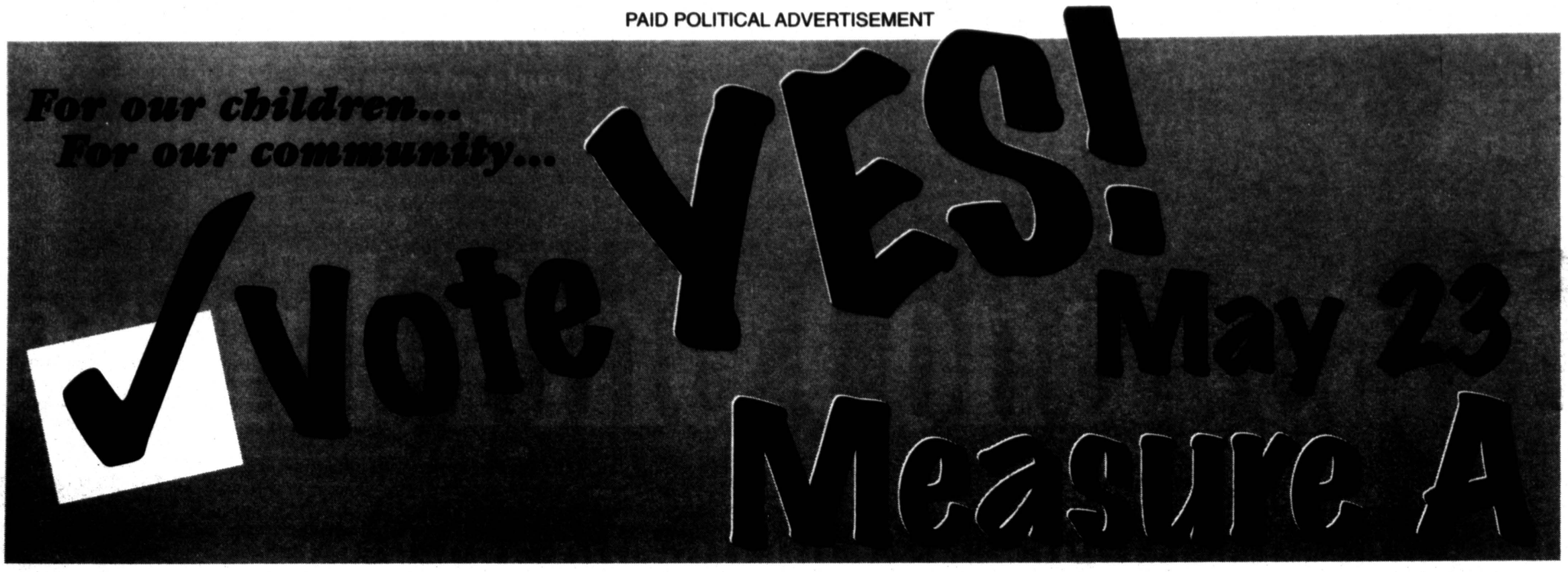

Carmel Unified School District's Measure A will provide a 20 million dollar bond for significant renovation and modernization:

- Replace or repair leaky roofs, ceilings, windows, and flooring, unsafe concrete and asphalt areas
- Replace broken and deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Replace obsolete heating and ventilation
- Upgrade science and computer labs
- Remove asbestos at all sites

All our schools are over 40 years old.
Carmel High School was built when President Franklin Roosevelt was in office.
We need to bring our schools into the 21st century!

An independent engineering study reports it will cost over 17 million to complete these repairs and renovation. Remaining monies may fund:

- Additional science and computer labs
- High-tech industrial arts classroom
- Additional class and multi-purpose rooms
- Improvements of athletic facilities
- Performing arts center near Carmel Middle School
- Child development facility in Cachagua

Passing Measure A will make the school district eligible for up to $5 million from the state. Without passage, we would not qualify for state funds, and these monies would be diverted to other school districts.

"As one ever thankful for the education and experiences provided me by the Carmel Schools, I strongly support Measure A to insure the same opportunities for future generations."

– Sue McCloud, Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Measure A requires 66% of our community to vote YES!

Join the following citizens who are voting "Yes" on Measure A!

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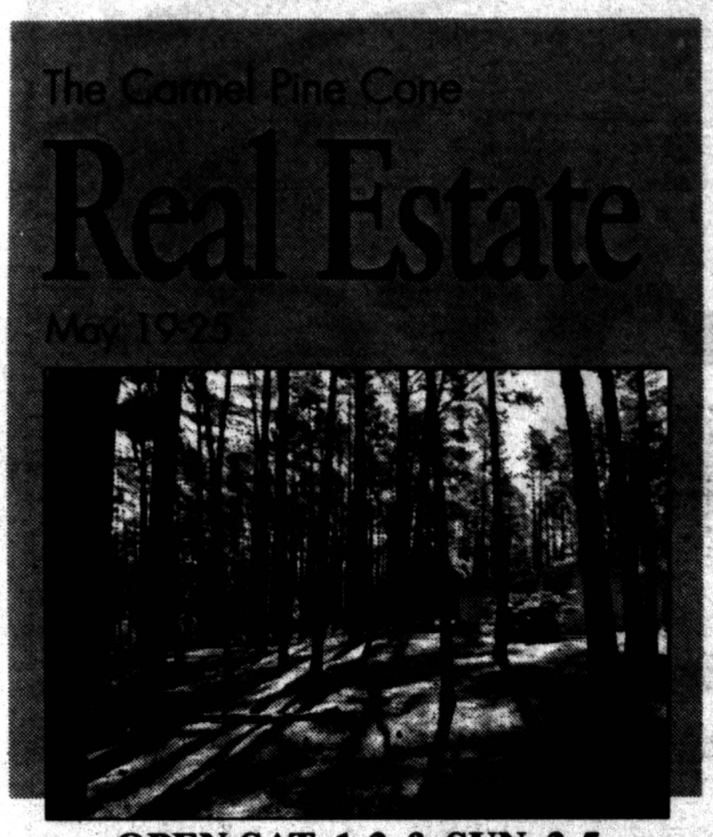

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3351 TREVIS WY: $1,395,000
Jean-Paul Belmondo to Allen A & Fay F Montasser
24710 LOWER TRAIL: $800,000
Allen A & Fay F Montasser to Ronald S & Esther S Wong Stubbs
CARMELO ST: $1,595,000
Lyman E Johnson Jr Tr to Peter & Ellie R Hitchcock
GUADALUPE: $874,000
William F & Patricia A Mortimer to Alliance Exchange Group Inc
PERRY NEWBERRY WY: $795,000
Alyce Humbarger Tr to Denise W Peck
3533 LAZARRO DR: $1,100,000
Herbert M & Virginia Burridge to Kenneth L & Susan V Jones
24520 OUTLOOK DR: $497,000
Alan J Rusconi to Donald F & Lydia P Criley
26395 CARMELO ST: $394,500
Kurt & Jane Kennedy Tr to Peter C & Irene G Kennedy
RIBERA RD & LA CRUZ: $1,100,000
Donald F & Lydia P Criley to Larry Casner

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

10 MENTONE DR: $1,950,000
Richard & Shelley Risko to William M & Sandra K West

CARMEL VALLEY

9955 HOLT RD: $860,500
Frank L & Carolyn G Crist Jr to L Lane & Phyllis A Loyko
37 E GARZAS RD: $739,500
Edmund S & Janet I Hawley to John P & Amy S McClaran
15333 VIA LA GITANA: $600,000
Robert M & Katherine L Petty Tr to Andres M & Cecily S Fitzgerald
31640 VIA LA ESTRELLA: $776,500
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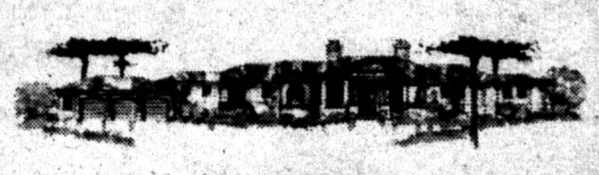

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"Carmel Legends"

If you had frequented the corner of 6th and San Carlos Streets twenty years ago or so you might have seen the subject of this week's legend. Louise Asmussen was an unusual lady. Notwithstanding her advancing age, she wore only the most current fashion for the times...black leather "go-go" boots, a very short skirt, oftimes a fur jacket, and carefully coiffed blond hair. Most notable, however, was her pet pidgeon...which traveled along with her on a small basket. We can't recall if it had a name...but we do remember that Jim Bannerman who ran the 76 station on the present site of Cottage Row loved to call out from his office, "is that squab ready for the oven yet?!", which would always elicit a lively response. Mrs. Asmussen, together with her husband, operated an antique business above the Hog's Breath for many years. They have both passed from this scene, along with the pidgeon, and somehow that corner has never seemed the same since!

Written in 1987 & 1988 and previously published in The Pine Cone

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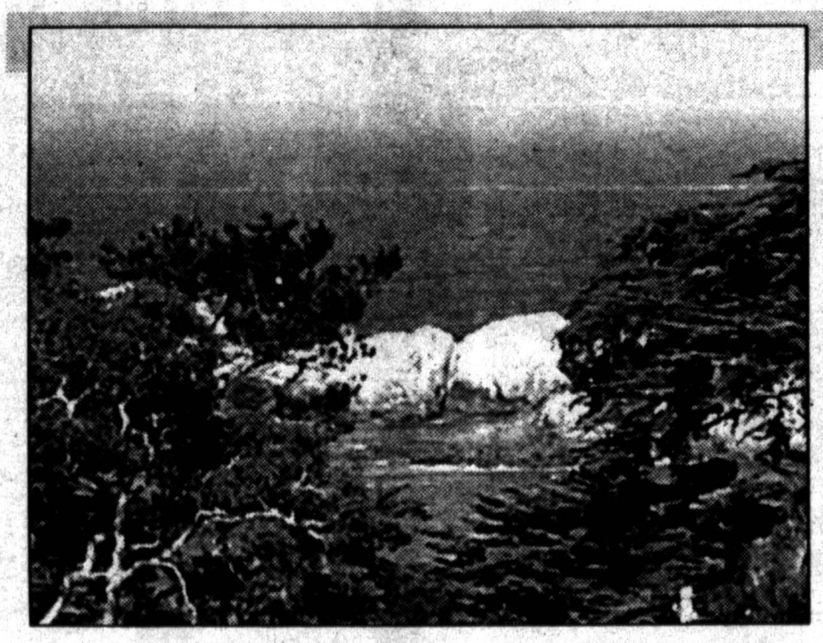
PEBBLE BEACH FRENCH ESTATE

ON A QUIET TREE LINED LANE in the estate area of Pebble Beach sits a classic French style residence on a wonderful and sunny three-acre setting. A drive through the entry gate leads to this stately manor which boasts four bedrooms, four baths (& two half baths) a spacious living room, large formal dining room, library with fireplace (which could be a main level master suite), a roomy kitchen with breakfast room, and a very large family-media room. This home is wonderfully near all the Pebble Beach amenities of golf, beaches and The Lodge yet away from the well traveled roads. There is an oversized four-car garage, a circular driveway and a beautiful blend of natural forest meeting well maintained mature landscaping. You will love this comfortable, spacious and well located French estate in the quiet corner of Pebble Beach! $3,295,000. Tim Allen & Greg Linder, (831) 214-1990, (831) 626-2221.

ENGLISH COTTAGE IN THE HIGHLANDS



ABOVE THE FOAMING WAVES of the Pacific and right next door to the world famous Highlands Inn sits an ocean view English Cottage! This two bedroom, one bath main house comes with a guest apartment with kitchen and bath, a separate & roomy guest house with bathroom, kitchen, living room, bedroom and fireplace, and a workshop with full bath. All of this is located across from the renowned James House, (designed by the architect, Charles Green). Views include white water waves and the rocky shoreline of the Highland's coast. Included is a two car attached garage, an ocean view sun deck, wonderful rockwalls, a seasonal creek nearby and beautiful trees on nearly half an acre! This romantic home, just minutes from Carmel and adjacent to the amenities of The Highlands Inn, also offers access to the private beach at Yankee Point. This English cottage is perfect as a full time home or as a get-away from hectic city life. $3,370,000. Tim Allen & Greg Linder, (831) 214-1990, (831) 626-2221.

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CARMEL — A charming Carmel-by-the-Sea cottage and guest quarters on a 50 x 100 foot lot with a small ocean view. South of Ocean Avenue in the golden rectangle you're just five blocks to the beach and two blocks to town. Hardwood floors, a brick fireplace, and some remodel to blend the old with the new. Large sunny deck, flower gardens and enclosed yard.
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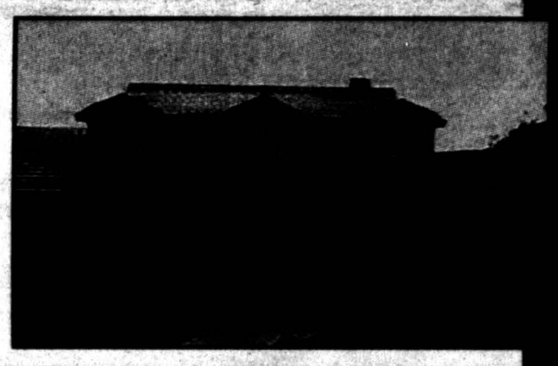

PEBBLE BEACH — Located just steps to the acclaimed Stevenson School, this gated Tudor home on a forested .966 acres has been recently remodeled and is ready for occupancy. Five bedrooms, four full and two half baths, formal dining and living rooms, grand entry, family room off kitchen, three fireplaces, large game room, expansive decking, and three car garage.
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CARMEL VALLEY — Beautiful serene setting on a park-like lot with fruit trees and lovely stream. Large custom-built four bedroom, two bath home with wonderful old-fashioned porch to enjoy the warm afternoons. Separate family room and comfortable living room with wood burning fireplace. Attractive rock work, private deck with hot tub and a two-car garage.
$695,000 **659-2267**

CARMEL — This impressively renovated 3,800 sq.ft. home is on a level quarter acre lot in a sunny Hatton Fields. The home has three bedrooms, three and one half baths with two luxurious master suites and four fireplaces. The gourmet kitchen offers all new appliances and granite counter tops. Enjoy beautiful slate and wood floors, vaulted ceilings, and expansive views of the hills beyond Carmel Valley.
$1,395,000 **624-0136**

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3830 Whitman Circle $695,000
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Monte Verde 3 SW of 8th $1,250,000
3BR/2BA Earl Y. Meyers II 1:00-4:00

24728 San Carlos Street $1,550,000
3BR/3.5BA JoAnna Tupman 1:00-4:00

3600 High Meadows #7 $380,000
2BR/1.5BA Lee Goodenough 2:00-4:00

PEBBLE BEACH

1281 Lisbon Lane $2,595,000
5BR/4+BA Jody Hickenbottom 11:00-2:00

4047 Costado Road $995,000
4BR/2.5BA John Levinson 11:00-4:00

66 Ocean Pines Lane $679,000
3BR/2BA Larry Lombard 2:00-4:00

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SUNDAY

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24728 San Carlos Street $1,550,000
3BR/3.5BA Jody Hickenbottom 1:00-4:00

3556 Taylor Road $1,395,000
3BR/3.5BA Steve Travaille 3:00-5:00

PEBBLE BEACH

3133 Stevenson Drive $1,175,000
4BR/3BA Fred Conte 12:00-4:00

1463 Alva Lane $1,595,000
3BR/2BA David Ehrenpreis 1:00-4:00

1281 Lisbon Lane $2,595,000
5BR/4+BA Nick Glaser 11:00-2:00

MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY.

13255 Corte Lindo $689,000
4BR/3BA Doug Steiny 1:00-3:00

25415 Hidden Mesa/Hwy 68-Boots-Camino Nuevo $498,000
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Homeowners turn hovels into historical head turners

By ROSE EVERS

WHEN LISA and Scott Nickerson bought their ramshackle early 20th century duplex in Pacific Grove seven years ago, Mrs. Nickerson said, "It was kind of scary, because in our opinion, it had no character."

Today, number 122 15th Street is bursting with character and practically shouts at passersby to take a closer look at its cheery facade. The deep plum paint on its shingles, steep gables and roses cascading off a porch trellis are but a few of the details that make the home a standout among the many delightful homes in the historic Pacific Grove Retreat district.

The Nickersons' attention to architectural minutia didn't only get their neighbors' attention: The Heritage Society presented the couple with its top preservation award at its May 9 Heritage Awards ceremony.

"It was a three-year project and it's finally ended," said Mrs. Nickerson. The Nickersons were able to find out very little of the house's actual history, other than that it was built by a Frank Smith in 1912. Mrs. Nickerson claims there's a female ghost in a white dress who listens to Victrola music upstairs, but the ethereal visitor hasn't offered up any additional details as yet to fill out the house's story.

This year 12 houses were in the running for the heritage awards, the highest number of old homes ever designated. Heritage Society board member Pete Hauser said the judges looked for preservation projects where repairs and updates were "transparent," meaning you can't tell what's old and what's new. Hauser speculated the surging demand for Pacific Grove real estate is prompting more people to tackle the time-consuming and dollar-gobbling job of repairing homes often neglected for decades.

PHOTO/ROSE EVERS

Seven years of restoration changed this house on 15th Street from an eyesore to a landmark.

In the Nickersons' case, as time dragged on and the price tag kept climbing, Mr. Nickerson said he realized contractors speak in their own language. He poked fun at the two builders who helped him.

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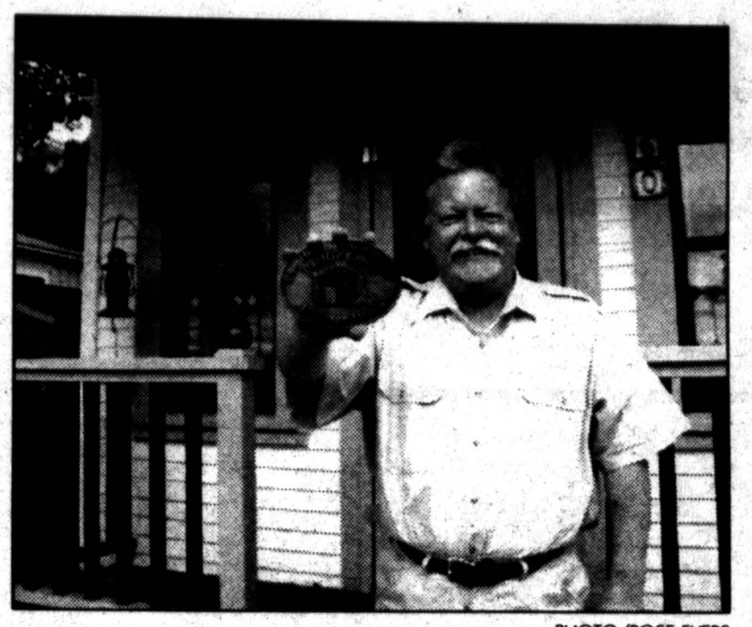
they heard, 'The money flow won't quit!'" quipped Mr. Nickerson.

"I heard them say, 'Yes I can,' and what they really said was, 'Yes, I can . . . bill you for that!'"

But the Nickersons said they would do it all over again, and that having a house in the retreat area was worth the sweat and the extra money they chose to spend on the project.

The second winner's house couldn't be more different from the ornate Nickerson home. John Kurzenhauser said his board and batten cottage "couldn't be simpler, smaller and plainer" than it is, and he was truly surprised his home was chosen over more detailed, larger homes in town.



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John Kurzenhauser's smile is as big as his cottage for winning a heritage house award.

Singling out the structure was a first for local preservationists.

"This is a big departure for The Heritage Society. This is as close to one of the original wood tent houses that I've seen in town," said Hauser. "We wanted to make a point that we want everyone to take care of their homes."

Kurzenhauser bought the 12th Street cottage in 1972. The 12-by-27-foot place is dinky — but his recent renovation project wasn't easy. The old house was sitting on mud sills, a typical feature of retreat wood tent houses, and he had to raise the old gal up and put a foundation under her.

According to Kurzenhauser, a sea captain named Max Swenson built the house in 1906 from used redwood. Little old ladies in the neighborhood have shared a few anecdotes about the cottage with Kurzenhauser, but other than that, not much else is known about it.

Despite the paucity of details, Kurzenhauser said the small house is big in spirit.

"This house has a heart and soul all its own. I really believe that," he said.

The Heritage Society also awarded a heritage plaque to 306 17th Street for the tasteful way the owners added on to it.

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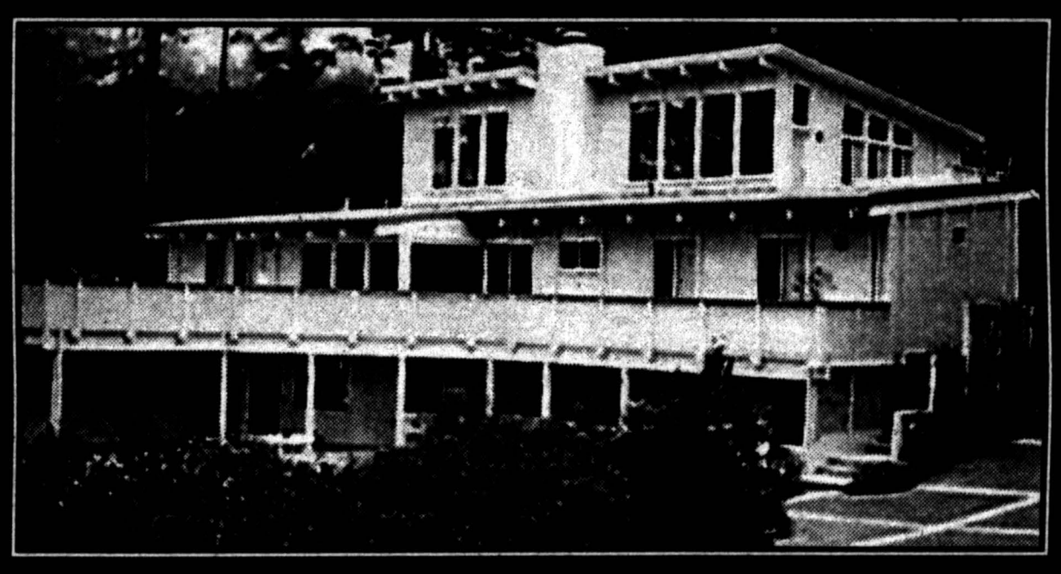

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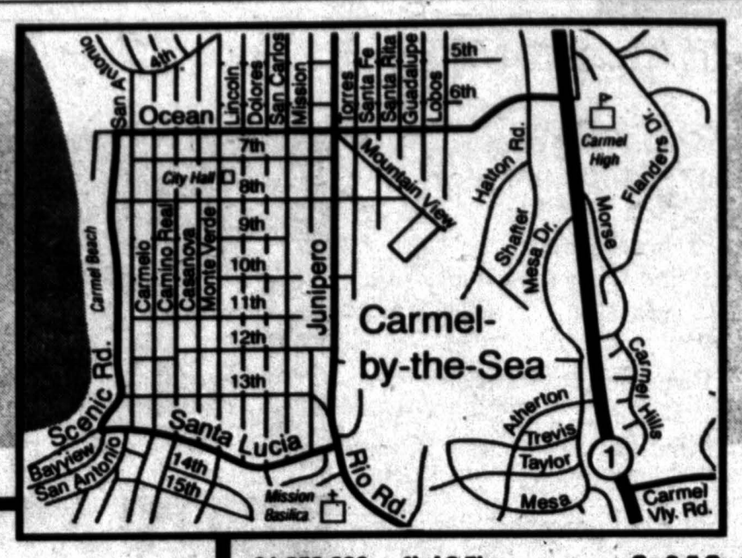

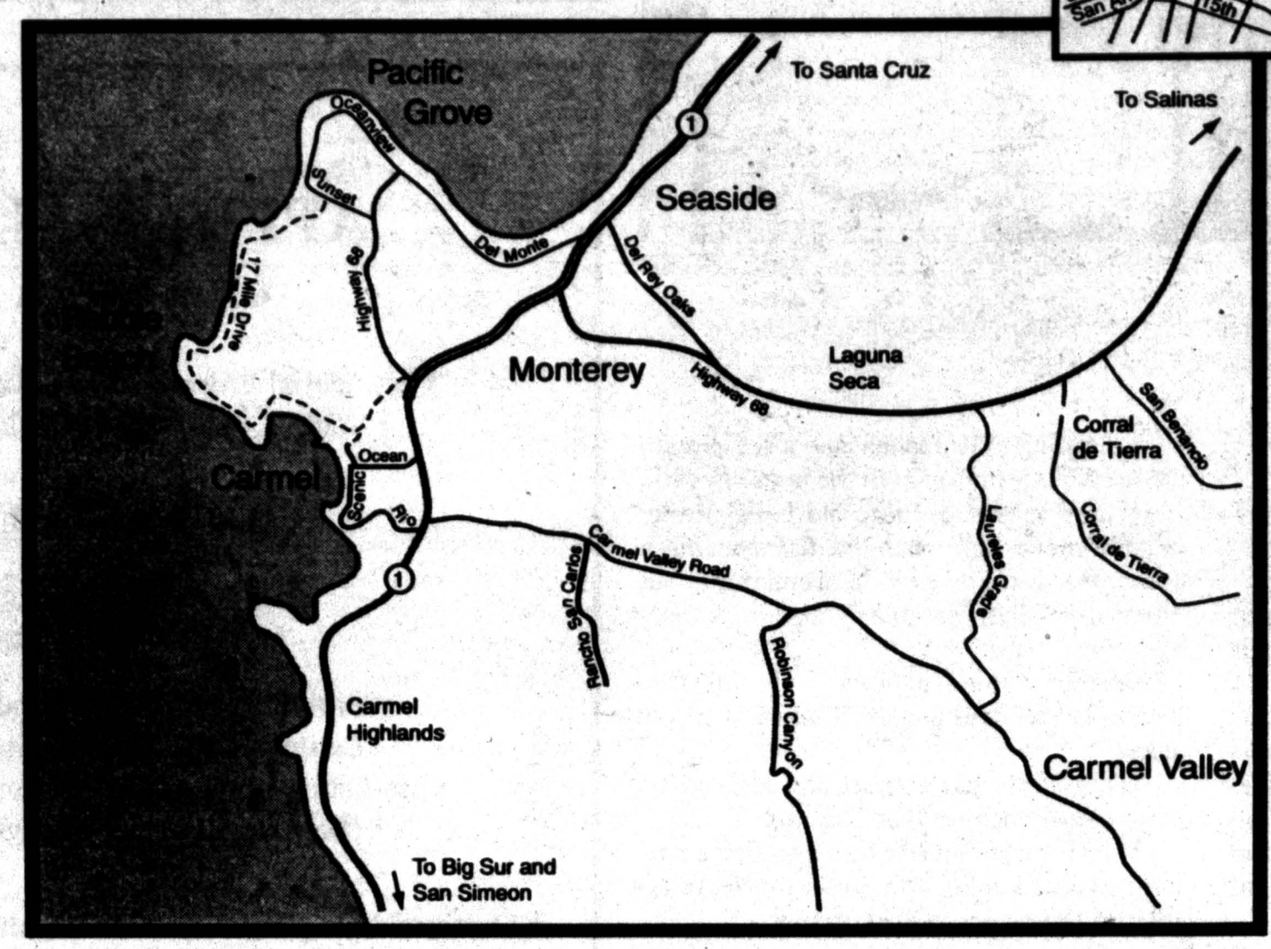

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RENOVATION

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renovate their charming old homes are being sidelined when the work turns into demolitions, netting them red tags and requiring them to again plead their cases before the Carmel Planning Commission, according to Carmel Senior Planner Ben Berto.

City building official Tim Meroney, whose inspections often lead to red tags, said the delay could often be prevented.

"I think applicants who want to save a home because of the charm and are trying to preserve that in the community — who are trying to do the right thing — should still apply for a demolition," he said. "If they get into the house and find they have to demolish, they can avoid being stopped for two months."

Mark Porter, who owns the solar architecture firm, Solartecture, wanted to preserve as much as possible of the small "Blue Skies" cottage at Fifth Avenue and Guadalupe, so he applied for a major renovation. In December 1999, the planning commission approved his plans to build a detached garage, raise up the floor, add living space on the lower level and expand the upper level of the house. He intended to keep the old roof and as much of the house as possible, according to the application.

Exploratory looks at the home's structure showed stability, according to Berto. It was only during construction that Porter discovered the roof had been leaking, rotting through the plates underneath. Now, all that remains of the original house is the front wall — complete with the lettered sign on over the front door.

"This is the typical trying-to-save-all-I-can-of-the-existing-house, and it turned out to be more rotten than he thought — it had a lot of dry rot and termite damage," Meroney said.

So on April 27, Porter was slapped with a stop-work order after Meroney conducted an on-site inspection and found so little of the original house left standing. He was permitted to continue work on the garage and the lower floor, since those parts of the project are all new work, but will have to come before the planning commission again to request retroactive approval for the demolition of the old house.

"The end result of the building is still going to be the same thing the planning commission approved in height, size and lot coverage," Meroney said. "It will just have more new wood."

Meroney said the hold-up is unfortunate.

"He's trying to do the right thing, and now he has to go through another process," he said.

But Berto said Porter and his contractors should have known not to take down the rotten walls and roof without first obtaining permission from the commission.

"I believe he's got some legitimate reasons for what he did," Berto said. "But I also know he didn't follow proper process."

Not alone

"This is not an atypical situation that we're finding in Carmel — even with the houses that are supposedly going to be preserved — a lot of it depends on how much you know ahead of time and how historically oriented the people are," Berto said. "We have some outstanding examples of restoration and renovation, and then we have people who have basically demolished their houses."

While negligence in upkeep of an older home can hasten its demise, Berto said even well-cared-for homes in Carmel have lifespans.

"A stick-built house isn't going to last more than 100 years," he said, referring to the two-by-fours of which most California homes are built. "Given the definite lifespan of these houses, I think there's an assumption that you're going to be replacing certain things."

Porter's Fifth Avenue project house, originally built in 1941, is not historically notable, according to Berto, and the city is in favor of Porter's plans.

"It's not as though there's a real fear that we've lost a jewel in our midst. He's replacing a bunch of really ugly asphalt with a beautiful yard," he said. "The foundation was shot. If you have to replace the foundation, you end up replacing most of the house. And the other side is true: If you have a good foundation, you have most of a house. That house was really unsafe and substandard, and now we'll have a house that will last another 100 years."

Pitch canker task force seeks volunteers

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Commission OKs two demolitions

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CALIFORNIA Coastal Commission last week approved, without any debate, permits for the demolition of two small homes in Carmel.

Bill and Nancy Campbell got the okay to tear down their old, 1,447-square-foot home on Dolores near Ninth, and Nick and Carol Spencer gained approval to demolish a 1,600-square-foot home at 13th and Monte Verde.

Commissioners have expressed concern in the past about the cumulative effect of demolitions of small homes in Carmel. At the May 11 meeting in Santa Rosa, no such concerns were voiced.

The city, which is faced with a lawsuit from activist Enid Sales seeking to protect most of Carmel's pre-1950 buildings, recently instituted new rules to assure that historic buildings are protected according to the criteria in the California Environmental Quality Act.

The commissioners also okayed, without comment, a permit for Carmel designer John Mandurrago to subdivide an existing commercial building on Dolores between Seventh and Eighth and convert the building to two residential condominiums.

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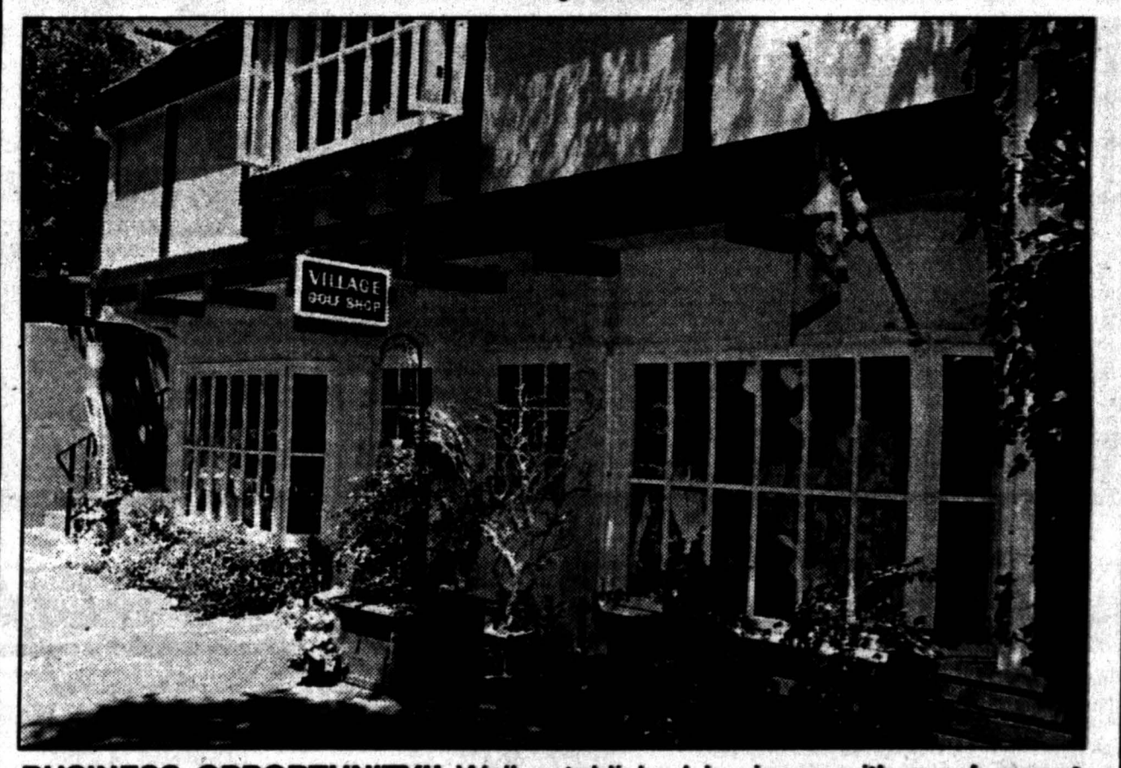

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from the Carmel River.

The 90-day moratorium — which suspends water credit transfer applications except for those moving credits between identical business or industrial uses — could be extended twice more to a maximum 270 days by votes of the board at 90-day intervals. Applications for transferring water credits between commercial or residential uses and a jurisdiction would be suspended as well.

Director Dave Potter, who voted in favor of the moratorium with the exemption for like-to-like transfers, said he believes the program is effective, but requires study to be legally defensible.

"I believe transfers work," he said. "I just don't want to spend my time in court defending them."

The directors were sharply divided over the issue and so were members of the public who commented on the issue. Environmental groups, the League of Women Voters, the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association and some residents supported a moratorium, while other residents and representatives of businesses and the hospitality industry opposed it.

Representing the CVPOA, Robert Greenwood said, "We believe that discontinued uses of Cal-Am water should be applied to our water deficit. This ordinance calls only for temporary suspension of applications, and is a step in the right direction."

But Sheryl McKenzie of the Monterey County Association of Realtors said the district should stay out of land-use issues.

"I think you should allow cities to make the determination about where they want to grow, and use water that's been transferred," she said. "To get into the land-use planning business of these jurisdictions is really wrong."

And speaking to the concern that price-gouging has become commonplace when water credits are sold, she said, "If we had plenty of water, there would be no one to sell it to."

The moratorium ordinance includes a requirement that payment for water credits cannot exceed the district's standard charge of almost $17,832 per acre-foot. While that rule is not enforceable, district counsel Dave Laredo said applicants would be asked about fees paid for water credits, and if found to be lying, would forfeit the application.

"The applicant would be asked if the money was in excess of the water district amount," he said. "We would have to assume the information provided would be truthful."

Carmel Valley resident Patricia Bernardi, speaking on behalf a group called "Save Our Carmel River," supported a complete moratorium.

"We have seen the bare tip of the iceberg in terms of what people will do when they can make $100 thou per acre-foot of water," she said.

In supporting the moratorium, board member Zan Henson, who represents an area encompassing Carmel Valley and Carmel, said, "I know that based on tentative information, the water credit transfer system is an abysmal failure. It has not saved one drop of water, and has increased use. To do nothing is incomprehensible."

If the board approves the ordinance at its second reading June 19, the moratorium will go into effect the following day. The fate of 11 water credit transfer applications currently in process — including the hotly debated Mirabito Storage project at Mid Valley — will be decided at the board's May 25 meeting, when members will decide whether or not the moratorium should affect applications submitted but not yet deemed complete.

WELLS

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to consider revising the ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would also:

- include all mobile water distributions of any size at any time;
- require identification of all users of water systems;
- include desalination as a source of supply to be regulated; and
- require applicants to provide more information about water source reliability, quality, and projected annual consumption, and prove that they have the right to the water source.

Staff asked the board to accept some revisions to the proposed ordinance, including clarification that it would apply only to water delivery containers 55 gallons or larger. Otherwise, it would have pertained to Evian and Big Sur bottled water as well.

Environmental review required?

The ordinance could be considered a "project" — and therefore subject to CEQA review — according to board member Dave Potter. The district's general counsel, Dave Laredo, said he believed the ordinance would not be considered a "project."

Other board members, including newcomer Kris Lindstrom and Division 5 representative Zan Henson, said they believe the ordinance would receive a categorical exemption under CEQA because it will benefit the environment, but supported environmental review.

"I'm troubled by the concept that this is not a project. Frankly, I think it's categorically exempt, and I know that if we do the effort of an initial study and a negative declaration, it's kind of like insurance that we've done the right thing," Henson said.

On April 27, the board took comment on the ordinance — though it could not act upon it because of errors in the published legal notice — and assured the audience the two absent board members would review their comments before deciding on the issue.

But the tape recording of the comments failed, leaving only a large expanse of blank tape to show for the public's time and effort. Many returned May 15 to repeat their thoughts on the ordinance for the record. But the board voted to continue consideration of the ordinance instead, and did not hear any public comment on it that night.

Once the environmental review is completed, the ordinance will again come before the MPWMD board for public hearing. No date has been set.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE
CASE NUMBER:
CV-N-99-0627-DWH-VPC
GLOBAL CAPITAL TRUST, PREMIER INCOME PROPERTIES, STUART SIMONSEN - PLAINTIFFS
V.
JEFFREY LINDSEY,DEVEER INVESTMENTS, LTD.-DEFENDANTS

TO:
Deveer Investment, Ltd.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:
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An answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, witnin 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You must also file your answer with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable period of time after service.

Date: Nov. 18, 1999
Lance S. Wilson, Clerk, Clerk
Alisa Mann, Deputy Clerk
Publication Dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2000. (PC 423)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: DR 35628

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
GEORGE MICKLE
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
KATHIE MICKLE

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a response (form 1282) at the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you;

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If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

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The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940
Monterey Branch

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
Patricia Standish
179 17th Street, P.O. Box 115
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(831) 646-9293

Date: March 29, 2000
(s) Clerk, Sherri L. Pedersen,
Deputy, E. Muenzenberger
Publication Dates: May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2000. (PC 501)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: DR 34246

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
BLANCA ESTELA NUNEZ COVARRUBIAS
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
MIGUEL RAFAEL CARDENAS MACIAS

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a response (form 1282) at the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you;

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The name and address of the court is:
MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
240 Church Street
P.O. Box 1819
Salinas, California 93902

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
MIGUEL RAFAEL CARDENAS MACIAS
2030 Santa Rita, Apt. #71
Salinas, California 93907
(831) 442-2871

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.
Date: May 21, 1999
(s) Sherri L. Pedersen, Clerk
by I. Villanueva, Deputy
Publication Dates: May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2000. (PC 502)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000938. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **TRI DELTA FERTILIZER,** 2835 West Washington, Stockton, CA 95203. LESCO, INC., OHIO, 20005 Lake Road, Rocky River, OH 44716. This business is conducted by corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 1999. (s) Patricia W. Pribisko, Vice Pres., Gen. Counsel, LESCO, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 28, 2000. Publication dates: May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2000. (PC503)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000969. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **VERN YADON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT**, 1119 Buena Vista Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. VERNAL L. YADON, 1119 Buena Vista Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 15, 1985. (s) Vern Yadon. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 3, 2000. Publication dates: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2000. (PC504)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000898. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **SENIOR SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED; EXECUTIVE SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED**, 2600 Garden Rd., Suite 380, Monterey, CA 93940. CLAIRE ECKARD, 1730 Beacon Hill Dr., Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 24, 2000. (s) Claire Eckard. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 24, 2000. Publication dates: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2000. (PC505)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In the Matter of the Application of GLENN AUSTIN MOYER, Petitioner, for Change of Name
Case No. M48668.

WHEREAS, Glenn Austin Moyer, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing petitioner's name from Glenn Austin Moyer to Gregory Austin Moyer;

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department __ of this court, located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940, on June 9, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in The Carmel Pine Cone-Cymbal, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

Date: April 24, 2000.
Publication dates: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2000. (PC506).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000973. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **NEWSTAR**, 126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: California 101996306036. CERES FRESH FOODS, LLC, California, 126 Sun Street, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a limited libility company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. (s) Don Barnett, Manager, Ceres Fresh Foods, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 3, 2000. Publication dates: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2000. (PC508)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. To Whom It May Concern: **THE RANCH CLUB INC.,** are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at 63 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA 93923 for the following type of license: 57 - SPECIAL ON-SALE GENERAL. Date of Filing Application: may 10, 2000.

Publication dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 2000. (PC509).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20001015. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **T.C. CONSTRUCTION CO.**, 8 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93906. TIMOTEO OROZCO CABRERA, 8 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Timoteo O. Cabrera. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 9, 2000. Publication dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2000. (PC510)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000862. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **P AND P PAINTING CONTRACTORS**, 1202 Garner Ave., Salinas, CA 93905. CHARLES MICHAEL PIERCE, 1202 Garner Ave., Salinas, CA 93905. SALVADOR LOPEZ PALACIOS, 234 California St., Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2000. (s) Charles Michael Pierce. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 17, 2000. Publication dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2000. (PC511)

POLICE LOG

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ident reported her husband failed to abide by their child custody agreement.

Carmel Valley: Los Arboles resident reported her tenant was moving out and she was concerned he was going to leave all his cars and junk behind. Tenant said he was planning on taking everything when he moved out.

Carmel Valley: Ned Road resident reported her neighbors were playing loud music in their garage. Neighbor was warned about the loud music and agreed to turn it down for the day.

Carmel area: Assisted Carmel PD in returning lost property to the owner.

Carmel Valley: Esquiline resident reported seeing a car that matched the description of one that followed neighborhood children the previous day.

MONDAY, MAY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog in a vehicle at Junipero and Seventh. Upon arrival, noted vehicle and dog. Dog not barking at this time. Dog not in danger of elements.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman requested an incident documented she could refer to in court at a later time. She stated she dropped off her son at his father's house on 5/5/00. Father was given instructions to give their son medication containing codeine only at bedtime. When she picked up her son on 5/7/00, she learned the son had spent the night at a friend's house, and also that the father had given him three doses of the medication prior to the mother arriving at his house. She felt this was not appropriate, as she had instructed him to give the medication only at bedtime.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of noises in and around a vehicle parked at San Carlos and Fifth. Upon arrival, vehicle was empty with no one in the area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bank reported a customer who had counterfeit checks cashed on his account.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a ladder leaning up against a fence along the Jane Powers walkway. Ladder belongs to a nearby residence. Unknown as to why it was outside the yard. Area checked, nothing unusual noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an unwanted customer at a Junipero business. Woman suspected of theft and has disrupted the business almost on a daily basis. Business advised to call when the woman is there so that an officer can witness the customer being told not to return. No theft report requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dolores business reported a male adult came into the store on March 25 and tried on a very sheer dress with no underwear on and pranced around the store. She reported a similar incident on March 12 by the same suspect but it was witnessed by another employee. He has not returned since. She was advised to call the police if he returns.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trailer found in the center of the street at 11th and San Carlos, blocking traffic. Apparently done as a prank by passersby. Trailer moved to the side of the street.

Big Sur: A Suburban found on Highway 1 at Coast Gallery was stored for expired registration.

Big Sur: Man at Post Ranch Inn staff housing reported that tools were taken from a storage shed.

Carmel Valley: The door to the Carmel Valley Library was found open by an unknown person. A responsible person was called, who came and locked the door.

Carmel Valley: A Calle de Este resident reported receiving several unwanted phone calls from an ex-boyfriend.

Pebble Beach: Responded to a report of an injury accident on Sunridge Road. Upon arrival it was found that the driver had left the scene. He was located at a nearby residence, treated and transported to CHOMP by ambulance. Case turned over to the highway patrol.

Pebble Beach: 17 Mile Drive resident reported that during an argument with his 16-year-old son, his son pulled a knife from his dresser drawer and threatened to kill him and himself. The juvenile was transported to CHOMP and committed for 5150W&I.

Carmel Valley: Nason Road resident had an argument with her 12-year-old daughter.

Carmel Valley: Ford Road resident returned home to hear someone leaving through the front door. Made a check of the area, but saw no one. The home was ransacked and a few items had been taken.

Carmel Valley: Cachagua Road resident reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. The blue compact vehicle was seen driving up and down the street several times.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man unable to pay for $25 worth of gas. An agreement was made between the station and the man, officer stood by until he paid for his gas. No other assistance needed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Oversize moving truck traveling southbound Santa Fe attempted to turn eastbound on Second and was high centered, blocking the entire roadway. Doc's Towing arrived and removed the truck.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found in Devendorf Park with a bottle of vodka. A check of the bottle showed the seal unbroken. Advised (again) of CMC — no drinking in public.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a bird possibly in need of assistance due to falling from a nest at Lincoln and Second. An area check was made, but the animal was not located.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: People recently had restraining orders filed against one another. One requested a civil standby in order to claim a piano. Resident was contacted and would not relinquish the state property. Advised to seek tort action.

Carmel area: Responded to a report of a DUI driver who had left a Monterey bar and was now on Highway 1. Located the driver at Highway 1 and San Luis Avenue. CHP responded and arrested the driver.

Carmel area: San Carlos Agency general manager reported hearing noises on the second story patio of the business at 0100 hours. Area check made, nothing suspicious found.

Carmel Valley: Man found trespassing on a Meadows Place property after a lawful eviction was served on him 5/2/00. The public conservator for that property did not want to press charges.

Carmel Valley: Kasey's store on Del Fino Place reported that a suspect filled his vehicle with gas and bought other miscellaneous items totaling $58.02. The suspect attempted to use a credit card that was beyond its limit. The suspect on three occasions was to return and pay, but has failed to show on all occasions.

Carmel area: Guadalupe resident reported her jewelry box stolen out of her bedroom.

Carmel area: Hacienda Carmel resident turned in a Mossberg shotgun and ammunition to be destroyed.

Carmel area: Cañada Way resident reported his daughter missing from home for the past two days.

Carmel Valley: Unknown person(s) stole a .22 caliber rifle from a Buena Vista del Rio residence.

Carmel area: San Luis Avenue resident reported getting a phone call from someone she did not know.

Pebble Beach: Rancho Road resident reported the viola-

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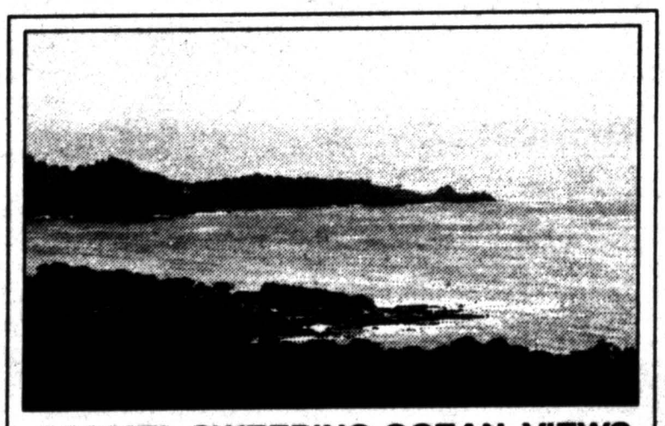

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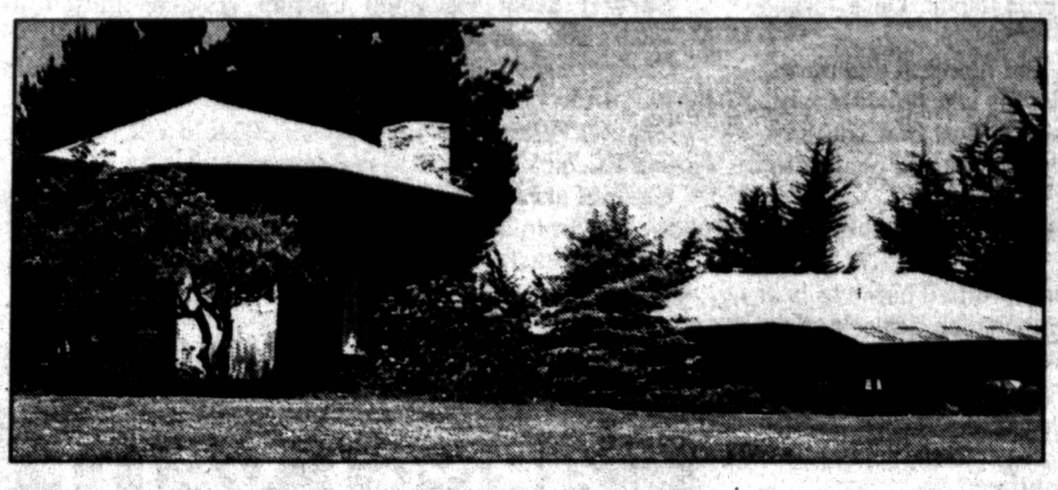

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tion of a domestic restraining order. Criminal charges pending.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle found parked at Junipero and Fourth with expired registration. Vehicle was rental out of San Francisco. Driver and passenger transported to their hotel. Vehicle towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle found parked at Mission and Fourth with registration expired since 12/98. Towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of $645 in items stolen from a Lincoln Street garden shop.

Carmel Valley: Los Arboles resident reported his landlord damaged some of his property.

Big Sur: Tourists from North Carolina reported their vehicle was burglarized while it was parked on the side of the road on Highway 1 south of Nepenthe.

Carmel area: A Newport Beach resident reported she left her purse in a shopping cart in the Crossroads Shopping Village. She went back to look for the purse, but it was gone.

Carmel Valley: An unknown suspect stole four 12-volt batteries from a Caterpillar front scraper while it was parked at a jobsite on Robinson Canyon Road. The total loss was estimated at $600.

Carmel area: Carmelo Street resident reported that his daughter ran away to her mother's house in Napa. The mother refused to return the daughter. Both parents have joint custody.

Carmel area: Cañada Way resident brought to the Monterey substation some property, including used marijuana paraphernalia, she found in her daughters' bedroom.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Representative of the owner of a property at Monte Verde and Eighth reported someone building a home on Casanova has removed some of the owner's fence post without permission. Advised to report this to building and planning. No one was at the construction site for contact.

Carmel Valley: Contacted a Calle de Quien Sabe resident after a 911 hang-up call. She explained she had dialed it by accident by hitting her speed dial on the phone.

Carmel Valley: Man from I-Help requested assistance in gaining entrance to the Community Church of the Monterey

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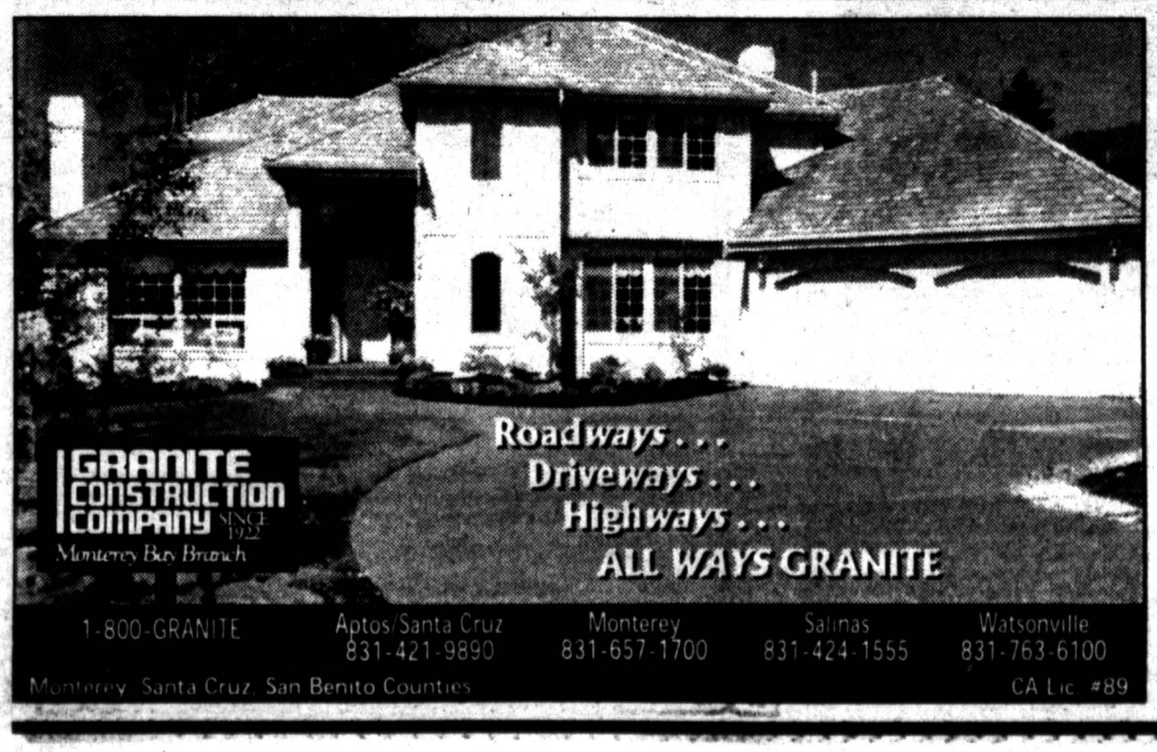

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Peninsula on Carmel Valley Road. The pastor was contacted at his home and the key was brought to the church.

Pebble Beach: California Department of Forestry reported a female entered the fire station and stated she had attempted suicide. She was transported to CHOMP for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

Big Sur: Highway 1 resident reported someone removed a brace from a flatbed equipment trailer during the night, causing the trailer to roll over an embankment.

Pebble Beach: Person reported an unknown person(s) had broken into a storage locker at Spyglass Hill Golf Course and taken several cases of beer, bottles of alcohol and cigars. Case continues.

Carmel Valley: Person reported losing a cell phone on the Carmel Valley Ranch property on 5/9/2000. The phone is an Ericsson brand, valued at about $50.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of suspicious vehicles parked at Lincoln and 10th. Contacted both people parked in vehicle. Reported they had been parked there for over an hour and as being suspicious. Parties advised regarding reason for contact and stated they were just talking.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a landscaper leaving tree trimmings in neighbor's yard. Prior to arrival, problem taken care of by landscaper.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of coins and a wedding band missing from a Camino Real hotel room. Stated he left the items in his room when he went to check out, and returned to find them missing. Person did not stay to meet with police. Information conveyed by management. Contact pending.

Pebble Beach: Sheriff's department responded to a 911 hang-up at a Whitman Place residence twice in two days. On each response the residence had been unoccupied.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported seeing a very young boy dial 911. His mother caught him and reprimanded him. No problems noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a male juvenile wearing a dark sweatshirt and light pants in the rear parking lot at Torres and Fourth at 0250 hours. When officer attempted to contact him, he fled. He was located with the aid of a chaperone and advised of the outcome if caught out after curfew and fleeing the police. Juvenile left in custody of the chaperone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Worker on Viscaino contacted and advised of hours and days he is allowed to perform construction work.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Limo found parked wrong way — engine running — no driver. Driver found inside Sixth Avenue restaurant. Warned on all violations.

Carmel area: Anonymous person reported someone was in the Carmel High School gym. A building search was conducted using a K9 unit. It was determined the suspect(s) left prior to securing a perimeter.

Big Sur: Resident reported the St. Francis Catholic Church entered. Evidence found at the scene suggests a known suspect.

Big Sur: Post Ranch residents reported a man entered their residence and took money and clothing. Clothing was recovered from the man in Seaside.

Carmel Valley: Meadows Place resident reported seeing people enter a vacant home. The home is currently for sale and was most likely being shown by real estate agents at the time.

Pebble Beach: El Bosque resident reported his 12-year-old son ran away. However, the juvenile returned home shortly after. Case closed.

Carmel Valley: Vista Verde resident reported being in an argument with her husband. The two agreed to work out their problems in a non-violent manner.

HOME SALES

From page 2B

28 HACIENDA CARMEL: $165,000
William C & Margery R Diffenbaugh Tr to Lily Kotler
160 HACIENDA CARMEL: $275,000
Laurence A Smith Tr to Alyce Humbarger
TOUCHE PASS: $1,600,000
Rancho San Carlos Partnership LP to Bay Colony Investors II Inc
1 PASO HONDO: $670,000
Kathy F Lueders Tr to T Carrick Jordan
75 PASO HONDO: $425,000
Jess & Gabriela Knubis to Robert B Dini
ARROYO SEQUOIA: $1,500,000
Rancho San Carlos Partnership LP to Robert V & Anne D Gunderson Jr

PEBBLE BEACH

1103 PORTOLA DR: $2,800,000
Nicholas & Valdean Kouretas Tr to Paul L Miller
1424 LISBON LN: $2,350,000
Fukuko Okada to Edmund S & Janet L Hawley
1440 RIATA RD: $3,100,000
Randall L & Andrea S Swanson Tr to Cary C & Constance A Wyatt

Carmel Valley: Village Drive resident reported his neighbor was well-drilling too late at night on a regular basis.

Carmel area: Anonymous report of a large male adult lighting newspaper on fire near Carmel Rancho Lane, apparently to keep warm.

Carmel area: Outlook Court resident found suspicious items in front of his house.

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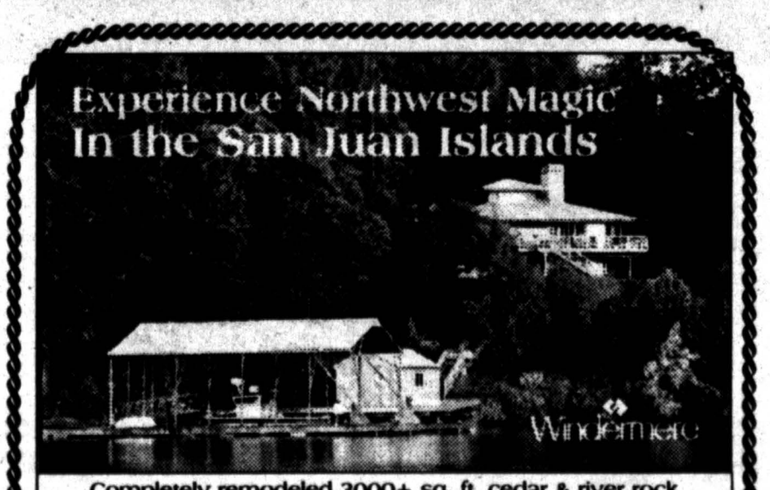

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CARMEL

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CARMEL POINT VIEWS! Situated on famed Scenic Road, the property offers spectacular white-water and Fish Ranch views from this almost 8000 sq. ft. lot. The cozy 3-bedroom, 2-bath home offers a fireplace in the living room, enclosed spa and a detached double-car garage. Rare opportunity across the street from Carmel River Beach. $4,900,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

PLACE IN THE SUN! Just listed! Quaint 3-bedroom, 2-bath post adobe home on a large lot adjacent to Gazas Creek. Bright remodeled kitchen and cozy living area. Majestic oak studded property with tack room and barn in a most sought after valley neighborhood overlooking Carmel Valley River, just a short stroll to the natural beauty of Garland Park. $599,000.

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HILL-TOP HAVEN! Enjoy the privilege of peace and privacy in this glorious ten acre hill-top for a combination of flat meadows, dramatic views and Mid-Valley location. The 2-bedroom, 2-bath redwood main house has large windows, open beamed ceilings and rock fireplaces. Sharing the expanse of lawn are two guest houses and an indoor pool with cabana. Property also includes a barn and ownership of a small water company. $1,800,000.

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Ocean Views

Carmel

Pebble Beach

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SKYLINE FOREST GEM! Located on a private, quiet cul-de-sac with forest & city-light views, this eight-year-old custom-built home was completed with top-quality construction and finishes throughout. Featuring 4 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, this inviting home features a mahogany spiral staircase, soaring ceilings, generous use of glass & marble and much more. Don't miss the indoor solarium, beautiful decks and new stone patio. $1,100,000.

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